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SECTION 1

Questions 1-14

Questions 1-6

Look at the five restaurant advertisements and complete each sentence with the correct ending A-G from the box below.

Write the correct letter A-G in boxes 1-6 on your answer sheet.

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

1. If you want to dine in a relaxed, countryside environment, you should eat at
2. You can not dine on a Monday evening at

3. If you are planning an Asian dinner on a Sunday night, you should go to
4. You may pay extra to have your order delivered at
5. If you want a menu for children, you should eat at
6. If you want to drink overseas wines with your meal go to

- A** the restaurant named *City Super*.
B the restaurant named *Arnold's Own*.
C the Malaysian restaurant.
D the *Hill View Restaurant*.
E the restaurants named *Arnold's Own* and *City Super*.
F the restaurant that serves Chinese dishes.
G the Mexican and Malaysian restaurants.

Read the text and answer Questions 1 - 6.



Tom-Gong

Malaysian Restaurant & Hotel

12.00noon-3.00pm, 6.00pm-midnight
(except Sundays)

- Recipes from fresh produce
- Authentic Malaysian chefs
- 3-hall dining area
- Fully licensed bar
- 30 acres of beautiful woodland

- Open space dining area, children's playground
- Luxury accommodation with easy parking
- Landscaped gardens
- Traditional Malaysian paintings decorate all living areas

Enjoy our Cuisine & Service

OPEN ALL DAY



Top-of-the-hill restaurant. Internationally renowned chefs. Affordable menus.

Variety of cuisines. Local and home made produce used.

Separate areas for business lunches.

Special occasions welcome – birthday, anniversary, get-together.

LUNCH, DINNER, SNACKS AND LIGHT MEALS.

BAR AND DRINK LOUNGE. EXTENSIVE WINE LIST. LOCAL & IMPORTED LIQUOR .

MULTIPLE LARGE TV SCREENS – SPORTS, NEWS, MOVIES

LARGE CAR PARK.

Special outdoor sitting arrangement on the slope of the hill. Enjoy the views with family and friends!

MON - SAT.

**CITY SUPER
Mexican Lunch Takeaway**



Open weekdays, weekends and public holidays.

Fine foods – enjoy in comfort, at your own Mexican dining table!

Excellent parking facilities. Liquor shop next door.

Home delivery if you live within a 4-mile radius from us – otherwise nominal charge.

CALL YOUR FRIENDLY HOST: John

01306 748300

Top UK award for takeaway service. Hygiene & Quality award - 2 consecutive years

Ping-King Palace

RESTAURANT & TAKEAWAY

APPETISING 'SUPER CLASS' CHINESE DISHES COOKED BY OUR EXPERT CHEF.
BRAND NEW KITCHEN SET-UP WITH ORIGINAL CLAY OVENS.

DELIVERY TO ALL AREAS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.
PLENTY OF PARKING WITH ONSITE SECURITY GUARD.

TELEPHONE OR SMS YOUR ORDER TO 021 3625 2351

ASK FOR OUR CHEF'S SPECIALS – YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LUNCH	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
EVENING	5–11pm	5-11.30pm	5-11.30pm	5-11.30pm	5-11.30pm	5-midnight	5-midnight



Choice for the Whole Family!

Birthdays, weddings and other occasions

Model of traditional Texas restaurants. Texas furniture.

Pizzas, burgers & steaks.

Fish & chips, vegetarian and kids menus.

Outstanding choice of American beers.

American movies on large screen.

Eat it here or take it away!

For lunch come on in Tuesday - Saturday.
Open for dinner, Sunday to Wednesday.

Questions 7-14

Read the passage that has five sections A-E.

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passages?

In boxes 7-14 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

The Swedish Dancing course

7

welcomes people of all age groups.

The Cultural Diversity courses show that

8

translated Asian poems are written in ordinary English.

9

Mexican rhythms are easy to produce.

The Chapel Acting course

10

only accepts those with prior acting experience.

The Driving Excellence course

11
combines theory with practice.

12
fee for individual customers does not change.

Sing-a-Song

13
is the oldest singing group in Berdican Rivers.

14
has a shortage of singers for the New Year's Eve Concert.

Read the text and answer Questions 7-14.

A: SWEDISH DANCING

Fun filled healthy exercise

● You will receive a warm welcome! ● Swedish teachers run multiple sessions for dancers of all abilities ● Choreographic class optional ● Dance attire and shoes are not provided. ● Classes are held in several convenient locations at various times. ● Free membership to the National Dance Institute.

Don't miss it, call to book – 0132 2125 2541

B: CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Asian Recitation (Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm): Literature from mainly India and China. Traditional poems and proverbs translated in modern, everyday English. A treasure of a thousand years. For the whole family.

Music Mexico (Fridays, 5.00-7.00pm): Mexican music workshop. Expand your musical horizons with the sounds of Mexico! It does not matter whether you are an experienced musician or a complete novice; you will be creating compound, exotic rhythms in no time.

C: CHAPEL ACTING

If you've always wanted to be on TV or the stage then *Chapel Acting* is for you! The month-long program has been especially designed for those with some previous acting experience. Town hall auditorium venue prepares participants for live performances. Our techniques guarantee to eradicate the nervousness that often accompanies live performances. Live audience for final performance.

D: DRIVING EXCELLENCE

Intensive Learn-to-drive Courses

◆ Use our car or yours ◆ Convenient schedules for working people ◆ We cover the theoretical and practical sides of safe driving ◆ Course and instructors fully accredited by the Safe Driver's Association (SDA) ◆ Set individual fee with group rates available on request.

Servicing all areas from Dartmouth, Hartford, Hampshire and Berdican Rivers

E: SING-A-SONG

Now inviting new singers like you! Formed in 1991, *Sing-A-Song* is the first established vocal group in the Berdican Rivers area. Every Wednesday evening 7.30pm to 9.30pm we meet to celebrate great songs from the past – jazz, blues, classical, country and everything in between! Rehearsing now for the City Auditorium New Year's Eve Concert. Join us today – call Brenda on 04 8541 1254.

Note: Ability to decode notations and rhythm formation desirable, although not essential.

SECTION 2

Questions 15 - 27

Read the passage below and answer Questions 15-20.

BON THAI RESTAURANTS

ABOUT *BON THAI*

With 53 outlets in the north and south islands and employing over 160 people, Bon Thai restaurants are the leading Thai restaurant chain in New Zealand. Founder, Mr. Tom Yuto, unites his restaurants under the shared motto: 'Extraordinary Food, Exceptional Service'. With this in mind, our first priority at Bon Thai is to transform the Asian dining experience into a memorable occasion that patrons will want to repeat.

EMPLOYMENT and TRAINING with *BON THAI*

Waiters and Waitresses

Bon Thai offers a pleasant working environment, with a wide range of opportunities. Waiting positions at Bon Thai restaurants are a popular choice for students looking for flexible working hours and interaction with the public. Wait staff occupy a front-line position of significant responsibility and all applicants are thoroughly reviewed. A recent Sullivan Report indicated 68% of customers decided against a return restaurant visit because of a lack of interest conveyed by an employee. Motivation and enthusiasm are therefore essential requirements for any prospective Bon Thai employee, as well as an acceptable level of English. Successful applicants must be able to warmly greet customers and answer questions regarding the menu.

The Recruitment Process

The application should be submitted on-line to our head office in Auckland. Within two weeks, you will receive an email acknowledging the receipt of your application. If your application has been successful, you will be invited to take part in the second stage of the employment process - a personal interview with the Manager of the Bon Thai restaurant in your area. The email will contain the date and time of the interview.

If the interview is satisfactory, you will be selected to take part in the three week initial training course at the restaurant. Once your training is complete, the second formal interview with the Bon Thai restaurant Manager will take place. This is the fourth and final stage of the recruitment process.

If you have qualified as a successful candidate, the Manager may offer you full or part-time employment at the restaurant. If a position is currently unavailable, you will be invited to add your name to the waiting list of qualified candidates and the manager will contact you should a waiting position become vacant.

Remuneration

Remuneration rates for waiting positions at Bon Thai Restaurants will be discussed with potential employees during the final interview with the Restaurant Manager. Hourly rates depend upon seniority, length of service and vary slightly according to region.

Questions 15 - 20

Complete the sentences below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 15 - 20 on your answer sheet.

- 15 The goal of Bon Thai restaurants is for customers their dining experience.
- 16 In addition to a good level of English, potential employees must have
- 17 Wait staff must welcome diners and be able to respond to questions about

- 18 The of the employment procedure is an interview with a local manager.
- 19 The last step in the recruitment process is the
- 20 If there are no jobs, successful candidates may place their name on the

Questions 21-27

Read the text below and answer Questions 21-27

HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE



Statistics indicate that harassment occurs most often at work. Harassment in the workplace is any unwelcome form of behaviour towards an employee which may offend, humiliate or intimidate. Employees, whether full-time or part-time, are not to be harassed by their employer, supervisor, or by any customer they may be required to deal with in the course of their working day.

Any employee can become a target for harassment as a result of sex, race, disability or religious belief etc. Harassment is often about a person, or a group of people, bullying or using power improperly towards another person or group of people. The following behaviors would, in most cases, constitute bullying or harassment:

- verbal abuse and joking that puts down or stereotypes other employees;
- joking about material in the workplace containing sexual or racial material;
- isolating or ignoring a person or group because of their sex, race, disability, religion etc.

If the employee does not mind the behavior then it is not considered harassment.

What to do if Harassed at Work

If you feel that what is happening to you in your workplace is against the law and would like clarification about what is considered just and fair behaviour, most governments have anti-discrimination boards that will help you. Many government web sites that deal with workplace issues and discrimination are also an excellent secondary source of information. A third option is to check with the organisation you are working for to see if they have any policies dealing with discrimination or harassment. Often there will be a person in Human Resources who will be able to assist you.

Sometimes all that is necessary is to go to your employer and talk about the matter. It is against the law to treat unfairly or victimise anyone because a complaint in relation to harassment has been made. An employer is obliged to treat what is said with respect and to investigate any issues reported.

Before lodging a complaint make sure you have all the necessary information. It is a good idea to keep a written record of the instances you wish to relate together with dates, times and names of any witnesses. Copies of any emails and other communications supporting your story would also add to your credibility.

In most cases, employers will do what they can to alleviate the situation and the matter will not need to be taken further. If, however, the harassment continues, or you feel you are being disadvantaged or mistreated because you raised the issue, employees are advised to contact the appropriate government agency which is empowered to intervene in such circumstances.

Questions 21 - 27

Complete the sentences below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 21 - 27 on your answer sheet.

- 21 Unwelcome behaviour from any staff member or is considered harassment.
- 22 Harassment or bullying others involves inappropriately.
- 23 Harassment includes unsuitable jokes, or excluding or isolating a person.
- 24 should be contacted first by individuals that want to understand their rights at work.
- 25 A containing emails and other associated exchanges is recommended as part of the complaint process.
- 26 will do what they can to try to make a harassment problem less severe.

- 27 If a harassment problem cannot be solved at the workplace, employees should contact a suitable

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

The Wonder of Diamonds!



A

Diamonds are not only one of the most precious natural materials in the world; they are also among the hardest. For centuries diamonds have been renowned the world over as a natural material with matchless physical attributes of superior abrasiveness and lustre.

B

It is believed that the Greek word *adamas*, meaning ‘unbeatable’, transformed linguistically over time to the English version it is now known as: diamond. Apparently, the ancient Greeks used the highly treasured *adamas* as a religious icon. Prior to ancient Greece, diamonds were widely used as engraving tools to cut grooves into concrete surfaces. The popularity of diamonds among the masses started to increase at the beginning of the 19th century when their supply increased significantly. The cutting and polishing of diamonds was also improved upon at the time making them even more attractive for the masses. The rise of the world economy and, at the same time, persuasive advertising campaigns, combined to elevate diamonds to the status they have today. Today, about 130 million carats (around 26,000 kilograms) of diamonds are mined yearly fetching a combined value of some 9 billion USD.

C

The central and southern regions of Africa combine to provide almost 50 percent of the world’s total diamond production. Significant sources of diamonds have also been discovered in both Brazil and Australia. Irrespective of where diamond mines

are discovered, in reality, there are very few specialised diamond mining companies who do the actual mining. The main reason for this is because they must be given permission from respective governments to undertake the large-scale digging required - a very complex, bureaucratic process.

D

Diamonds are mined through very sophisticated and complex processes. Diamond crystals are formed by high pressure and temperature deep within the earth. In time, volcanic 'pipes' called 'kimberlite' and 'lamproite' rock transport the diamonds to the earth's surface. These rocks are composed of minerals such as olivine, phlogopite, pyroxene and garnet and a variety of other naturally occurring minerals, including diamonds. Experienced diamond miners know that when they discover kimberlite' and 'lamproite' in the earth's crust, there may very well be a rich source of diamonds not far away.

E

Considering they are located almost 150kms below the earth, it is a modern engineering marvel how diamond-containing rocks are brought to the surface. Artificial volcanic forces are created beneath the area where diamonds lie via man-made pipes. These forces push the rocks upward in the same way a volcano erupts and ejects lava. The only difference, of course, is the force in the volcano occurs naturally whereas the forces generated in diamond mining are artificial. As the diamond is pushed toward the earth's surface, a separation process occurs. The technology used for the separation process is different from that of the extraction process – the former process requires man-made forces to move any and all rocks to the surface, while the latter focuses only on locating diamond-containing rock once it reaches the surface. Testing is conducted on the first few batches of rocks mined to determine whether the mine will be economically viable or not. Whether or not the mining will continue on a larger scale depends on the ratio of diamond-containing rocks to ordinary rocks that are mined. The more worthless rocks that are found in the test mining, the less economically viable the mine is for a larger-scale operation.

F

From the deepest regions under the earth to the point where the diamonds finally reach the hands of the miners, the 4 C's come to the fore. The 4 C's are the four standards by which all diamonds are measured and judged. The first C stands for *Carat*. This refers to the unit of weight by which a diamond is measured. One carat equals exactly 200 milligrams. The value of a diamond increases mainly in relation to carat weight and so, the other 3 C's play a lesser role in determining the price of a diamond. *Cut* is the second determinant. As the term suggests, this is all about the art of transforming a rough diamond into a sparkling centerpiece. It requires significant technical knowledge, artistry and experience to cut a diamond. The dimensions and angles of a diamond depend on how it is cut. The next C is *colour*. The colour of a diamond can change significantly depending

upon the chemical combinations and structural formations of other minerals nearby as it is forming. The influence of neighbouring minerals can result in a diamond ranging in colour from completely transparent, to bluish, and a host of colours in between. The final *C* is *clarity*, which is a measure of a diamond's internal inclusions¹. These naturally occurring inclusions determine the transparency of the diamond and according to how many there are, an inclusion rating is given. In addition to the *4Cs*, fluorescence in a diamond is also considered. Fluorescence refers to the ability of a diamond to absorb invisible light and emit visible light.

G

Although diamonds are extremely important for industrialists and a sure symbol of love between a husband and wife when joined in marriage, many environmental activists protest diamond mining. For this reason, mining companies are often under pressure to minimise the negative effects of their mining activities. In fact, a large number of mining companies nowadays regularly publish their process details in order to demonstrate that they conduct their mining business in a socially and environmentally responsible way.

¹a naturally occurring imperfection (spot, cloud or fracture) in a diamond.

Questions 28 - 35

The passage has seven sections labeled **A-G**.

Which section contains the following information?

Write the correct letter A-G in boxes 28-35 on your answer sheet.

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 28** the different areas in the world where diamonds are found
- 29** diamond mining and good corporate citizenship
- 30** the features of a diamond that determine value
- 31** a primary reason for the early increase in diamond popularity
- 32** the creativity involved in beautifying diamonds
- 33** a formula for deciding whether or not diamond mining should continue

- 34 different minerals that exist with diamonds
- 35 the organisations from whom companies receive permission to mine

Questions 36 - 40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 36 Diamonds were first used for religious purposes.
- 37 Bringing diamonds up from deep underground is quite a simple process.
- 38 Diamond mining areas are decreasing in number.
- 39 The colour of a diamond is determined by minerals close by.
- 40 The 4 C's are the only measures used to determine diamond value.

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ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 1, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Malaysian Restaurant ad mentions woodland and landscaped gardens – this is a calm, country environment not offered in the other restaurants.

2	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City Super</i> is a <u>Lunch</u> Takeaway restaurant only, so there is no dinner there.
3	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advertisement for <i>Ping King Palace</i> specifically states that they are open Sunday 5-11pm. It serves Chinese dishes.
4	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>City Super</i> ad states that home delivery is available for a nominal charge. • <i>Ping King Palace</i> also offers delivery but it is at <u>no cost</u>.
5	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arnold's Own</i> restaurant ad states that it serves <u>kids menu</u>.
6	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hill View</i> restaurant states that it serves <u>imported wine</u>, which means overseas wine.
7	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is stated that people of all dancing <u>abilities</u> are welcome. This does not specifically mean that people of all ages are welcome.
8	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Everyday English</u> means it is easy to read.

9	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It states that both experienced and unexperienced (novices) will 'be making rhythms in no time'. This means Mexican rhythms are easy.
10	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The course has been designed for those with some previous acting experience but it does not say anything about who should enrol.
11	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text mentions, '<u>We cover the theoretical and practical sides of safe driving</u>'. This means they combine theory with practice.
12	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that there is a 'set individual fee'. 'Set' means it <u>does not change</u>. Individual fee means the fee for individual customers.
13	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'First established' means the oldest <u>among all</u> in that area.
14	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage refers to the performance in the upcoming concert, but does not mention that it has shortage of singers. The passage invites new singers to join them and to sing in the concert. This does not necessarily mean they are

		<p>filling in gaps for the concert.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information needed is not given.
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Lab 1, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest. Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	to repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states, “the first priority at Bon Thai is to transform the Asian dining experience...that patrons will want <u>to repeat</u>.” This means that the first goal is that Bon Thai want their customers to repeat their experience.
16	motivation and enthusiasm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states, “<u>Motivation and enthusiasm</u> are therefore essential requirements for any prospective Bon Thai employee, as well as an acceptable level of English.” This means employees must have motivation and enthusiasm as well as an acceptable level of English.
17	the menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states, “Successful applicants must be able to warmly greet customers and answer questions regarding <u>the menu</u>.” This means that wait staff must be able to respond to questions about the menu.

18	second stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states, “If your application has been successful you will be invited to take part in the <u>second stage</u> of the employment process - a personal interview with the Manager of the Bon Thai restaurant in your area (local).
19	second formal interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once your training is complete, <u>the second formal interview</u> with the Bon Thai restaurant Manager will take place. This is the <u>fourth and final stage</u> of the recruitment process.
20	waiting list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a position is currently unavailable, you will be invited to add your name to the waiting list of qualified candidates.
21	(any) customer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states, “Employees, whether full-time or part-time, are not to be harassed by their employer, supervisor, or by any <u>customer</u> they may be required to deal with in the course of their working day.” Employees, employers, supervisors are all staff members, customers are not.
22	using power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states, “Harassment is often about a person, or a group of people, bullying or <u>using power</u> improperly towards another person or group of people.” This is an inappropriate use of ‘power’.

23	verbal abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bullet points state The following behaviors would, in most cases, constitute bullying or harassment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>verbal abuse</u> and joking that puts down or stereotypes other employees; ○ joking about material in the workplace containing sexual or racial material; ○ isolating or ignoring a person or group because of their sex, race, disability, religion etc. • Joking is covered in the first and second bullet points, the last bullet point deals with excluding or isolating a person, that leaves verbal abuse and the missing example of harassment.
24	anti-discrimination boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The text states that if a person, “would like clarification about what is considered just and fair behaviour, most governments have <u>anti-discrimination boards</u> that will help you. Many government web sites that deal with workplace issues and discrimination are also an excellent secondary source of information. • This passage points out first that anti-discrimination boards will help individuals and then goes on to say that websites are ‘an excellent <u>secondary</u> source of information’. This means the anti-discrimination boards are the first place to go. • Note: hyphenated words (ie anti-discrimination) are considered as one (1) word!
25	written record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The text states, “It is a good idea to keep a <u>written record</u> of the instances you wish to relate together with dates, times and names of any witnesses. Copies of any

		<p>emails and other communications supporting your story would also add to your credibility.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It’s a good idea to keep a written record means <i>it’s recommended</i>. The written record should contain emails and other communications (i.e. <i>associated exchanges</i>) in relation to the complaint.
26	employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states, “In most cases, employers will do what they can to alleviate the situation...” This means employers will try to improve work circumstances.
27	government agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states, “If, however, the harassment continues, or you feel you are being disadvantaged or mistreated because you raised the issue, employees are advised to contact the appropriate <u>government agency</u>, which is empowered to intervene in such circumstances. This means a government agency will solve a problem that an employee cannot solve.

Lab 1, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott’s Tips for Answering the Questions
28	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C specifies different areas i.e. Africa, Brazil, Australia etc. where diamonds are found.

29	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section G mentions the social responsibilities that diamond mining companies have to minimise the negative effects of diamond mining on the environment. • Mining in a socially and environmentally responsible way refers to good corporate citizenship.
30	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section F refers to the 4C's - Carat, Cut, Colour and Clarity all of which contribute to the value of a diamond.
31	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section B states: "The popularity of diamonds among the masses started to increase at the beginning of the 19th century <u>when their supply increased significantly.</u>"
32	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section F specifies the Cut of diamonds, which is the art of transforming rough diamonds into visually attractive, sparkling centrepieces.
33	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section E mentions whether a mine would be economically viable or not depends on <u>the ratio of diamonds to other rocks</u> that are mined from underground.
34	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section D mentions the different natural minerals with which diamonds are found beneath the surface: olivine,

		phlogopite, pyroxene and garnet.
35	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C mentions that diamonds mining companies need to seek permission from <u>different governments</u> before starting to mine.
36	FALSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B states: "...the ancient Greeks used the highly treasured <i>adamas</i> as a religious icon. <u>Prior</u> (ie before they were used as 'religious icons') <u>to ancient Greece</u>, diamonds were widely used as engraving tools..."
37	FALSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E states, "Considering they are located almost 150kms below the earth, it is a <u>modern engineering marvel</u> how diamond-containing rocks are brought to the surface." In other words, it is a very complex process to bring diamonds to the earth's surface.
38	NOT GIVEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is nothing in the passage about this!
39	TRUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section F mentions that the colour of a diamond is affected by chemical combinations and structural formations of other minerals (rocks) nearby when the diamond was forming.
40	FALSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section F mentions that apart from Carat, Cut, Colour

		and Clarity <u>fluorescence</u> is also considered before diamonds are categorised and valued.
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SECTION 1

Questions 1-14

Questions 1-7

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 1 Last year's bike rally was a great success.
- 2 Compared to last year's route, this year's is longer.
- 3 Larger donations are expected from commercial companies.
- 4 Individual sponsors can donate any amount.
- 5 Participants are invited to attend a press conference before the date of the rally.
- 6 Emergency support will **NOT** be available in isolated areas.
- 7 Some government officials will be present at the end-point of the rally.

Bicycling for Recycling

Dear Environmentally-Conscious Friend,

After the remarkable achievements of last year, we have again organised a ***Bicycle Rally*** to promote the *recycling of resources and usage of recycled goods* for the protection of our environment. Unlike last year, this year, the rally will start in Werribee and will cover a slightly shorter 45-kilometre route. The reduction in distance is due to the new area being quite hilly!

This year we have set ourselves the goal of raising £50,000 for our worthy cause. To help us do this, we have invited sponsorship from 20 large, commercial companies. If you would like to suggest a sponsor that we might not have considered, please contact us – there is no minimum donation amount. The funds raised will be used to launch our *Recycled Resources, Recycled Goods* countrywide awareness program in the coming months. We have also contacted numerous social organisations who will help us to best utilise the funds raised.

We will provide all support to participants including arranging bicycles for those who do not have one, all safety measures throughout the route, food, drinks and transportation to and from Werribee - Western, Northern and Southern suburbs will be covered. Here are the particulars:

DATE: 16 June 2007

START TIME: 8AM

START POINT: Werribee

FINISH: Beacon Park

COST: £12

Channel 2 has agreed to be our media partner and will telecast the entire rally. Don't miss your chance to be on national TV!

You are also invited to attend a post-rally press conference at the National Press Auditorium. Contact G. Jaisin on 0425 652 254 for more details.

Bicycling for Recycling: RALLY DETAILS

Enquiry and Assistance:

- General enquiries are welcome any time.
- Sponsorship enquiries – at least 7 days prior to the rally.
- Any special needs, call during business hours – 021 254 256 231.

Safety measures:

The route has five designated checkpoints – Werribee, Mentone, Parade Ground, William Port and Beacon Park. The first half of the route from Werribee to the Parade Ground passes through Bush Park and continues along the Eastern Coast.

This section is quite isolated so we will establish emergency stops and drink booths with greater frequency. Each booth staff member will be issued with communication equipment to report any emergency situation from all remote areas. All emergency assistance, including paramedics, will be on standby.

Accessories:

Considering the unpredictable weather during this season you should be prepared for all conditions. This means being prepared for all climatic possibilities! All participants are advised to do a complete check of their bike brakes and gears prior to the start of the rally. Our bike mechanics will be on hand at the starting point 2 hours prior to the start of the rally. This service is free for all participants.

Photo session:

The finishing line at the north gate of Beacon Park will have a stage with a backdrop containing our *Recycled Resources, Recycled Goods* slogan. All the participants, upon finishing, will receive a bouquet and individual placard – both highlighting our recycling message. There will be a photo session involving all the participants. Photos will be forwarded to the local newspapers with a press release.

This year we have decided to put a *Support Book* at the finishing point. We encourage you to sign the book and express your views on our rally theme or any other feedback you may care to provide. We are planning to forward all comments to the respective government policymakers as well as to the Ministry of Environment.

Thanks in advance for your support and see you on the big day!

G. Jaisin
President, Rally Committee

Questions 8 - 14

Look at the seven film descriptions **A-G** and answer questions 8-14.

For which film(s) are the following statements true?

*Write the correct letter **A-G** in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.*

NB *You may use one letter more than once.*

- 8** This film is based on a book.
- 9** These **TWO** films are all about mysteries.
- 10** This film is based on imaginary animal behaviour.
- 11** This film demonstrates the importance of keeping a promise.
- 12** This film focuses on environmental issues.
- 13** The need to choose is a focus of this film.
- 14** These **TWO** films will best entertain a fun-loving audience.

Read the text below and answer Questions 8-14

Movie Mania – Upcoming Films

A. Friends

(June 1st)

A group of friends go on a vacation together. They book a hotel and, upon arrival, discover that due to a misunderstanding, their booking got cancelled. In a new and strange city they determine to spend the whole night on the street. They meet some peculiar people and observe unusual behaviours not seen during the day time. A lot of laughs throughout!

B. Four Feet

(June 7th)

An animation-based fantasy film where animals take control of a city. Excellent special effects, hilarious scenarios and even some commentary about the environment! The animal's adventures put human beings into some difficult situations. In the home or office, in markets and on the streets, the animals make the rules - although a friendly understanding between animal and man enables both to co-exist...eventually!

C. House Story

(June 14th)

A rich family buys a large country-house and discovers the existence of pre-historic residents! With pre-history meeting modern history, the clever plot intrigues from start to finish. People from the past keep visiting the everyday environment of the family in the house. The suspense in this supernatural thriller comes to a climax in a most interesting way.

D. Runner

(June 21st)

Peter Goode has made a commitment to literally run around the world. The final leg of his journey involves running from New Mexico to Kansas, USA. Apparent mysteries stop him from time to time, but Peter's will proves there is a way and we learn that not every life is filled with fun. Experience Peter's struggles and the lengths to which one man will go to keep his word.

E. Silver Ring

(June 28th)

True romantic story of a young couple who aspire to wealth in order to lead a happy life. Dedicated to Allison Walsh and based on her bestselling novel, this film shows that money and happiness are not necessarily linked. Abstract love and affection on one side and material need and want on another – which side must this young couple take?

F. The Creatures

(July 5th)

This is a documentary film sponsored by The Zoological Society. The film focuses on Global Warming and its effects on wild animals. Full of interesting facts and some expert interviews. Shot in the deep forests of the world. Incredible wild animal action adds real excitement to the film. Real-life footage in digital surround sound.

G. The Trigger

(July 12th)

Having learned of the disappearance of two children, a retired detective undertakes a mission to locate them. They are eventually found by the detective, living in a small town in Italy. Although missing, the kids believe that they are still very much in their normal living environment. These American kids know Italy lane by lane and can speak the local dialect fluently. Nobody ever taught them the language. From beginning to end, unexplained occurrences keep the viewer guessing to the end.

SECTION 2

Questions 15 - 27

Read the text below and answer Questions 15-20



NURSE ASSISTANTS IN NEW ZEALAND

Introduction

Working as a Nurse Assistant in New Zealand provides a number of unique opportunities in an interesting work environment. Nurse Assistants work with registered nurses and nursing practitioners to promote health, prevent disease and to manage public health needs. Nurse Assistants do not make independent assessments. They assist in delivering nursing care in community, residential and hospital settings. Over the last three years there has been an increase in the demand for Nurse Assistants in child and aged care and public health. Qualified men and women are encouraged to consider this career opportunity.

Certificate in Nursing Assistance

To graduate with a Certificate in Nursing Assistance, students must complete a 12-month Nursing Council of New Zealand-approved education program and pass the examination. Successful course completion requires attendance at 75% of all class lectures, participation in a minimum of 200 clinical hours and for all written reports to be completed satisfactorily. Applicants should be mature and healthy, both mentally and physically and their previous academic record must demonstrate the ability to manage a study environment. They should also have a keen interest in working with people and be at least 20 years of age.

If English is not the first, or native, language an approved English language test score must be presented along with the usual character references required for all applicants.

Additional Information

Certified Nurse Assistants are often the principal caregivers in nursing homes, assisting with the activities of daily living. This may include, but is not limited to, helping people in and out of bed, assisting with eating, bathing and dressing, as well as administering medications when requested to do so. As the relationship develops between the residents and their caregivers, Nurse Assistants often find that providing emotional support becomes another important aspect of their occupation.

Because hospitals and nursing homes must provide 24-hour care, Nurse Assistants employed in these institutions can often be required to work evenings, nights, weekends, holidays and must be available for shift work.

The workload can be very demanding and there is often some lifting of patients involved in the daily work routine. If employed in hospitals or in community care, there can also, on occasion, be exposure to some infectious diseases.

Pay scales vary according to the area and the type of work involved. Additional information, pertaining to careers as a Nurse Assistant, can be obtained from the nearest, relevant educational institution.

Questions 15-20

Complete the sentences below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 15 - 20 on your answer sheet.

- 15 Only registered nurses and nursing practitioners make
- 16 To work as a Nurse Assistant, individuals must be
- 17 To be accepted into the course must be provided by every applicant.
- 18 After working with patients for some time often becomes a significant work task.
- 19 Shift work may be required because hospitals have to offer
- 20 Interested individuals should contact an appropriate local for further details.

Read the text below and answer Questions 21-27.

WORK SAFETY AT MONOTON ELECTRONICS



Fire can occur anywhere and at any time. An outbreak of fire in a large industrial building is very dangerous to everyone working in the area. There could also be the added risk of being exposed to hazardous spills and gas leaks, which significantly increases the risk of injury in a smoke-filled environment.

United States Fire Regulations requires employers to conduct regular fire drills to familiarise employees with what to do should a fire break out. The development of an effective fire drill procedure involves both planning and practice. Studies have proven that people who plan and rehearse how they will get out of the building in a crisis are better prepared than those who do not have an exit strategy.

Planning

The first step employers at Monoton Electronics undertake, in conjunction with their employees, is to develop an evacuation plan. The objective of the plan is to provide a set of procedures in the event of an emergency which requires the workforce to leave the building.

Once the plan is completed, it is posted in a prominent area along with maps of the building which clearly show all entry/exit points. Other information in the evacuation plan would include the location of the smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, where the assembly site is located, who has been appointed to account for the evacuated workers, visitors and customers as they arrive at this area and who will supervise the shutdown of critical operations. All employees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this information. Employers should also ensure that workers know where the emergency exits are and how to use fire extinguishers.

Practice

Practicing the evacuation of a hazardous area in a fast and orderly manner can be the key to surviving a fire emergency and regular fire drills are a way of accomplishing this. It is recommended that every member of staff is involved in the exercise. If this is not possible, at least half the personnel in each department should be present.

During the fire drill the supervisors should note in the incidents register inappropriate activity such as delays in the collection of personal items, difficulties experienced by those with disabilities. If any doorways or fire escapes are obstructed this must also be noted.

The fire drill is usually timed and after it is over, procedures are evaluated to see if there need to be any improvements made to the evacuation plan. Practice makes perfect, so it is important to repeat fire drills at least a couple of times a year - vigilance could save lives. All staff are encouraged to contact the Warden Attendant if they have any queries regarding evacuation procedures and general fire safety issues.

Questions 21 - 27

Complete the sentences below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

- 21 help staff to prepare for a fire.
- 22 Planning and going over a fire escape procedure helps staff to be
- 23 Establishing a process in case of emergency is the aim of the
- 24 Once outside, staff meet at an
- 25
Staff must know how to operate
- 26
Blocked doorways or fire escapes must be recorded in the
- 27 Questions about safety procedures should be directed to the

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

From *Londinium* to London



A

The history of London spans a period of approximately 2,000 years. On its way to becoming one of the present-day financial and cultural capitals of the world, momentous highs and lows have accompanied the town. By 43 AD, an early point in its history, a time when Romans had invaded Britain, it had already been a target of several external invasions. The Roman settlers there at

the time named the area *Londinium*, which is commonly believed to be the origin of the present-day name, *London*.

B

Researchers believe that before the Romans, no city existed where London is today. It was just a rural area with significant richness and attractiveness in terms of natural resources and location. They base this on the fact that only very scattered evidence of farming, burial and habitation have been uncovered in the area. Early *Roman* London, which is also referred to as *The First London*, was a very small area that existed for just 17 years. Around 61 AD the Celtic-speaking *Iceni* tribe from Eastern Britain, who opposed the occupying forces of the Roman Empire, stormed the city and burnt it to the ground. By 100 AD it was rebuilt according to a development plan and was made the capital of the Roman province of Britannia. By the 2nd century AD, London had a population of approximately 60,000. In the 3rd century AD however, due to internal troubles within the Roman Empire, the city was brought down again. By the 5th century AD, it had become an abandoned city.

C

During the next century, the area near London saw the settlement of a new race of people, the Anglo-Saxons. These people started to migrate about 1 kilometre upstream from the *Roman* London city. Their settlement was called *Lundenwic*, and had fishing and trading as its economic base. Disaster struck for the city in 850 AD when its defence was broken down by a major Viking¹ raid. However, the Viking occupation which had lasted for 20 years was overturned by Alfred the Great, the new King of England, who succeeded in establishing power via a peaceful agreement. He rebuilt the defensive wall for the city to protect his people. Gradually, as a result of contributions by the then ruling kings, London once again became an international trading centre and political powerhouse.

However, in the late 10th century Vikings raided again and took control of the city and forced the ruling King Ethelred to flee. His army then made a counter attack and won. Thus, English control was once more established.

D

King Canute ruled London and the adjacent countryside until his death in 1042, when his son, Edward, took control and re-founded Westminster Abbey. By this time London had already become the largest city in the whole of England. In 1066 William the Conqueror, became the King of England and built a castle in the southeast part to better keep a watchful eye on its inhabitants. The later kings expanded the castle, which is now known as the *Tower of London*. During 1097 William II built *Westminster Hall* adjacent to the *Westminster Abbey* as a key structure in the new *Palace of Westminster*, which was the main royal residence all through the Middle Ages. Primarily, because of the unique administration through the *Corporation of London*, which was the municipal governing body that later

became the *City of London Corporation*, London became a centre of trade and commerce and was named the capital of England in the 12th century.

E

In 1588 the *Spanish Armada* sailed against England and was defeated. The defeat of the Spanish led to more political stability in England allowing London to prosper even more. Good times followed until tragedy struck during the middle and late 16th century through *The Great Fire of London*. Starting from a small bakery, the fire burnt to the ground the homes of 70,000 of London's 80,000 inhabitants. Rebuilding the city would take ten long years. The middle of the 17th century was also a matter of great misfortune for London due to an outbreak of *the Great Plague*, which caused the deaths of almost a fifth of the population.

F

The first quarter of the 18th century saw London become and remain the world's largest city. Major developments within this period included the building of a rail network and a city metro system; the systematic development of a workforce; a local government system and other large-scale building of infrastructure. After World War II, London became home to a large number of immigrants - especially those from other parts of the Commonwealth - making London one of the most culturally diverse cities in the whole of the Europe. Despite occasional set-backs - like the *Brixton Riots* in early 1980s - the integration of new migrants into London was comparatively smoother than other regions around the United Kingdom.

G

From the 1980s onward, some successful economic reforms and revival programs were implemented in London that significantly contributed to re-establish it as a pre-eminent international centre. Today London is considered by many to be the most important and influential city in Europe with around 32% of all foreign exchange around the world occurring in the city on a daily basis. The British government continues to devote more resources to the development of London with the people of the city now preparing to hosting the 2012 Summer Olympics.

¹Ship-borne warriors originating from Scandinavia i.e. northern Europe.

Questions 28 - 35

The passage has seven paragraphs **A-G**.

Which paragraph contains the following information?

Write the correct letter **A-G** in boxes 28-35 on your answer sheet.

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 28 an example of two groups of people making an agreement not to war
- 29 a big upcoming event for London
- 30 London as a deserted city
- 31 commonly believed to be the origination of the word 'London'
- 32 London and a mass disease
- 33 most of the city dwellers lost their dwelling place
- 34 the main reason why London became the capital of England
- 35 an example of a conclusion made by those who study history.

Questions 36-40

Do the following information agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts with the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information in this*

3 The Romans gave London its name.
6

3 A sudden attack on *The First London* totally destroyed it.
7

3 The area once known as *Early Roman London* now joins with modern-day London.
8

- 3 In order to control the people of London more effectively, William the Conqueror built
9 a castle.
- 4 70,000 houses were burnt by the Great Fire of London.
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Lab 2, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that 'after the remarkable achievements of last year'.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarkable means <u>outstanding</u>, i.e. great. <u>Achievements</u> refer to success.
2	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that this year's route is <u>slightly shorter</u>, which means it is a little shorter than last year's route.
3	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>large commercial companies</u> are invited to donate. Whether larger donations are expected from them or not is not given.
4	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that there is '<u>no minimum donation amount</u>' for individual sponsors.
5	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the participants are invited to attend a 'post- rally' press conference. This means the press conference will take place <u>after</u> the event.
6	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that for the remote areas (i.e. isolated areas) <u>all emergency assistance</u> (i.e. support) will be on standby (i.e. ready).
7	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <i>Support Book</i> will be forwarded to (i.e. <u>will be sent to</u>) government officials. Whether or not any government officials will be present at the end-point of the rally is not mentioned.
8	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the film is based on a <u>novel</u>, which is a book.

9	C, G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film C review states, "the story cleverly highlights the intrigue of pre-history meeting modern history". Things that are intriguing are mysterious. Film G review states, "from beginning to end, unexplained occurrences keep the viewer guessing to the end." This is the definition of a mystery.
10	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film B is about a <u>fantasy</u>, which means it is imaginary.
11	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film D is about somebody's commitment to <u>keep his word</u> (i.e. to keep promise.)
12	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film F is all about <u>global warming</u> and its effect on <u>animals</u>. These are <u>environmental issues</u>.
13	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film E mentions that 'abstract love and affection on one side and material need and want on another'. This puts forward <u>options to choose from</u>. The young couple needs to choose between the two options.
14	A, B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film A has a lot of <u>laughs</u> to entertain a fun-loving audience. Film B contains some hilarious scenarios; this means the situations are very funny.

Lab 2, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	independent assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states, "<i>Nurse Assistants work with registered nurses and nursing practitioners to promote health, prevent disease and to manage public health needs. Nurse Assistants do not make <u>independent assessments</u>.</i>" This means that only registered nurses and nursing practitioners are qualified to make independent nursing assessments.
16	qualified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states, "...there has been an increased demand for Nurse Assistants in child and aged care and mental and public health. <u>Qualified</u> men and women are encouraged to consider this career opportunity." This means that only those qualified can work in this area/participate in this career opportunity.
17	character references	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states, "...must be presented along with the usual <u>character references required for all applicants</u>." Character references must be supplied by all applicants.
18	emotional support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth paragraph states, "As the relationship develops between the residents and their caregivers, Nurse Assistants often find that providing <u>emotional support</u> becomes another important aspect of their occupation."

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In other words, after a period of time, patients require emotional support.
19	24-hour care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fifth paragraph states: “Because hospitals and nursing homes must provide <u>24-hour care</u>, Nurse Assistants employed in these institutions can often be required to work evenings, nights, weekends, holidays and must be available for <i>shift work</i>. Note: 24-hour care = two (2) words!
20	educational institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states: “Additional information, pertaining to careers as a Nurse Assistant, can be obtained from the nearest, relevant <u>educational institution</u>.”
21	fire drills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states, “United States Fire Regulations requires employers to conduct regular <u>fire drills</u> to familiarise employees with what to do should a fire break out.” This means that fire drills help staff to prepare in the event of a fire.
22	(better) prepared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states: “Studies have proven that people who plan and rehearse how they will get out of the building in a crisis are <u>better prepared</u> than those who do not have an exit strategy. Planning and rehearsing (going over) a fire drill means people are better prepared for what may come.
23	evacuation plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states: The first step employers at Monoton Electronics undertake, in conjunction with their employees, is to develop an<u>evacuation plan</u>. The objective of the plan is to provide a set

		<p>of procedures in the event of an emergency.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This means the aim of staff (employers and employees) is to develop (i.e. work out) an evacuation plan.
24	assembly site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fourth paragraph states, “Other information in the evacuation plan would include...where the <u>assembly site</u> is located, who has been appointed to account for the <i>evacuated</i> workers, visitors and customers as they arrive at this area...” • Evacuated people (i.e. people who are outside the building) meet at an assembly site.
25	fire extinguishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The text states that if a person, “Employers should also ensure that workers know where the emergency exits are and how to use fire extinguishers.” • All staff must know how to use fire extinguishers (plural). Only the plural form will fit the grammar of the sentence.
26	incidents register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sixth paragraph states: “During the fire drill the supervisors should note in the <u>incidents register</u>... If any doorways or fire escapes are obstructed this must also be recorded.” • This means problems with blocked doorways or fire escapes must be written down (i.e. recorded) in the incidents register.
27	Warden Attendant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final paragraph states, “All staff are encouraged to contact the Warden Attendant if they have any queries regarding evacuation procedures and general fire safety issues.

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Lab 2, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section C that a <u>peaceful agreement</u> took place, which refers to agreement between <u>two groups of people</u> (the new king and the Viking) not to war.
29	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section G mentions that London is going to host 2012 Summer Olympic, which is an <u>upcoming big event</u>. Upcoming means something that is <u>going to happen</u>.
30	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B states that London was made an <u>abandon</u> city, which means a deserted city.
31	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A specifies that it is commonly believed (i.e. most people believe) that the present-day name London came from the word 'Londinium'.
32	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E mentions about plague, which refers to a <u>fast spreading disease</u> affecting people at large i.e. the mass

		people.
33	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E mentions that due to fire 70,000 out of city's 80,000 inhabitants (i.e. dwellers) lost their homes (i.e. dwelling place).
34	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section D mentions that <u>primarily (i.e. mainly)</u> due to the administration through the <u>Corporation of London</u>, London was made the centre of trade and commerce and also <u>the capital</u> of England.
35	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B mentions about assumptions made by researchers who study history that there was no evidence of existence of any city before Romans. <u>Conclusion</u> refers to such <u>assumptions</u>.
36	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the Romans named the city as Londinium, not London. Who changed the name to London is not given.
37	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The First London</i> was occupied by Romans who were stormed (suddenly attacked) by the <i>Iceni</i> tribe who burnt it to the ground (totally destroyed it).

38	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Early Roman London was <u>also called the First London</u>, but whether that joins with Modern-day London or not is not given.
39	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the Tower of London was built <u>to better keep a watchful eye</u> on its inhabitants. This means to <u>control the people</u> of London more <u>effectively</u>.
40	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that 70,000 <u>people</u> lost their homes due to the fire. Whether 70,000 <u>houses</u> were burnt or not is <u>not given</u>.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1-14

Questions 1 – 6

Look at the advertisements A-J.

Answer the questions below by writing the correct letters A-J in boxes 1-6 on your answer sheet.

- 1 Which shoe can be lowered and raised?
- 2 Which **TWO** types of casual shoes are sold for children?
- 3 Which **TWO** types of shoes are suitable for both men and women?
- 4 Which shoe is shipped from another country?
- 5 Which **TWO** shoes come with additional items at no extra cost?
- 6 Which **TWO** types of shoes come in only two different colours?

SHOE WORLD

Family Footwear

A

Outdoors

Summer or winter, our Outdoors range are the best choice to meet your child's schooling requirements. Our shoes feature a comfortable inner sole and easy-tie laces. Only occasional cleaning needed. Shoes come in two sizes. \$10 and \$20 varieties available.

B

Cool-Clicks

Fashion shoes for children. Open back, great, relaxed summer shoe. Flat-soled, easy to put on and off. One size only, in black or brown - \$35.

C

The Pace-Setter

Popular thin-soled men's sports shoe. Double leather surface for greater durability. Trendy and fashionable - half green, half blue with colourful red and yellow stripped laces - \$50.

D

Jeansia

Ladies footwear as per the design of a Paris-based boutique fashion house. Winner of *2010 Gloria Award*. The shiny silver coating makes the Jeansia even more attractive. Adjustable heels in all sizes - \$75.

E

Easy-Wear

A favourite among working men and women. A light-weight, comfortable shoe for daily use. The *Rexene* surface adds to shoe durability. Variety of embossed icons printed on each pair; choose as per your design taste - \$35.

F

Formal

Men's formal shoes. Won silver medal in recent *EU Summer Fashion Show*. Available in white and brown shades. 3- layer sole, all in beautiful leather. Purchase includes a free shoe brush - \$85.

G

Everyday

Cost-effective, everyday children's shoe. Available in a variety of cute, vibrant hues. Animal cartoon prints – cows, donkeys, horses and elephants in greys and whites. Durable rubber sole. One extra pair of laces free - \$15.

H

Sunny

Unisex shoes made of pure Italian leather. Two different styles - Hawaii and Malaya. Comfortable walking shoes, great for around the home. Available in brown only, no cleaning needed. Waterproof and come in two styles - \$35 and \$45.

I

Bosa-Nova

Exceptional country-style women's footwear. The Bosa-Nova is our only imported shoe. The curved sole, actually massages your feet as you walk. Genuine leather upper. Purple-coloured elastic back, a variety of sizes - \$95.

J

Supreme

Elegant choice for ladies. Thin but durable leather processed using the latest micro-fibre technology. Will look new for years to come. 4 different colours in 2 sizes. Medium-heel with see-through, flat sole. Stylish black laces. \$125.

Customers may visit any of our stores and place a personal order. Depending upon stock availability, individual stores periodically offer discounts on particular models. Please note that apart from our discounted shoes, our usual 1-year guarantee applies to all advertised shoes.

Special 'Festival' offer

\$20 gift voucher with every purchase over \$100. Valid until the first week of January.

Refund policy

There is no money back for goods purchased unless they have defects. Goods sold and unused may be exchanged for other goods of an equivalent price.

Questions 7-14

The text about CD Summaries has eight sections, **A-H**.

Choose the correct heading for sections A-H from the CD Directory below.

*Write the correct number, **i-xii**, in boxes 7-14 on your answer sheet.*

- CD Directory - Montreal Public Library

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|------|---|
| i | Canada's Forests |
| ii | Mountain Biking: Routes in Canada |
| iii | Canada Shopping Guide |
| iv | Foods: Prepare a Canadian Dish! |
| v | Insects of Canada: Visualisation and Illustration |
| vi | Private Property: Canada Buying Guide |
| vii | Canadian Demography |
| viii | 4-Wheel Driving: Canada's Challenge |
| ix | Canadian Desert Art |
| x | Survival in Canada's Wild |
| xi | Canadian Wildlife Cycles |
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14 **Section H**



CD Summaries



A The driest parts of Canada have a long history of aboriginal people. Among other findings, archaeologists have uncovered evidence of their creativity – ancient painting, pottery and stone-made statues of imaginary characters. This CD contains high resolution images of their creative expression. Some drawings have been reproduced. Extensive photographs and informative texts.

B This CD is a compilation of information regarding Canada's human populations. In-depth information about population size, growth,

density, and distribution are covered. Statistics and graphs presented which bring the information to life! Migration trends in Canada are also a focus. A publication for beginners and experts alike.

- C** A manual on Canada's woods and jungles. Satellite images as well as illustrations. Full of useful data. The origins, development and future of landscape trends are discussed. Several case studies on the natural resources in jungles and the impact of industrialisation upon them.

- D** Contains a detailed list of Canada's retailers from several industries – souvenirs, fashion, toys, electronics to name a few. A must-have for tourists. Addresses, phone numbers and opening hours are all provided. Relevant internet sites are also easy to access. A world of information is just a click away!

- E** If you are a person who thinks that crossing hilly areas on two wheels is the ultimate in excitement then this CD is for you! Contains detailed routes through the slopes of Canada. Full of relevant and useful tips, including how to handle varying weather conditions. Additional information on camping and crisis management also included.

- F** Full of authentic Canadian recipes. Lunch, dinner, snacks, ice-creams, deserts and lots more. Select, specialty dishes with some drink preparation tips also included. Some video footage from Canada's top cook shows. Possible purchase locations for some of the rare cooking ingredients, especially spices and natural herbs, are provided.

- G** Graphics illustrators have worked with entomologists to give us an idea how these small creatures reproduce and have survived for thousands of years. Their contribution to soil protection is discussed. Pest control and its pros and cons are drawn from articles published by the National University of Canada.

H Focuses on outdoor safety including infections and self-medications, safety equipment, food, living arrangements and other wildlife skills. Weather changes and ways to cope with them are discussed in detail. A photo gallery featuring a selection of picturesque, natural Canadian scenery is included free with every CD.

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the text and answer Questions 15-20.

Mountain biking? Canada is calling!

Experience the best summer adventure ever!

12 mountain biking adventures throughout Canada

At Zenith Biking we have been exceeding mountain bikers' expectations since our founding in 1988 in Ottawa, Canada. Over the years we have expanded our operations to cover other Canadian cities including Montreal and Toronto.

Currently, with a base of over 100 experienced staff, we are your first choice for mountain biking!

For the past five years our international network, comprising offices in four continents, has been organising Canadian mountain biking adventures for bikers around the world. Annually, an average of 3000 clients enjoy an unforgettable biking experience throughout Canada. Should you be interested in extending your adventure to other countries, our extensive *Inter-country Zenith Network* can organise additional connections for you. Obtaining a visa for entry into some countries can be a time-consuming and frustrating process however at Zenith, our experienced team will assist you in obtaining your visa least amount of time.

At Zenith we have our own accommodation facilities for bikers, in Ottawa and Toronto. Accommodation fees are reasonable and depend on the size and the location of the room chosen. The most economical option is our 8-bed dorms.

Summer Experience, 2013:

Fees for this adventure include:

- Return air-ticket from *London* to *Toronto* (excluding onward travel in *Canada*)
- Bikers' kit (consisting of apparel, headgear and energy food)
- Direct transfer to *Meet & Greet* camp from airport
- Bikers workshop for beginners to advanced by our experienced staff
- Extensive directory of *Canadian Hills and Mountains*
- Zenith Biking 24-hour help and support phone service
- 24-hour emergency medical assistance.

Eligibility

Participants must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be in excellent physical condition
- have at least a basic level of mountain biking competence
- be excited about the experience of a lifetime!

Join the Zenith Bikers' Forum (ZBF)

Once you book with us for any biking experience, you will automatically become a member of the Zenith Bikers' Forum (ZBF). Based on the many requests we received from our clients we formally launched the ZBF 3 years ago. On the ZBF you can ask and have answered any biking-related questions you may have. Our website also has a chat-room. You are encouraged to submit your ideas, questions and suggestions and they will be quickly answered by past clients and staff.

Questions 15 – 20

Complete the summary below with a word taken from the passage.

Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet.

Example:

Answer:

Zenith Biking began in 1988 in the city of

Ottawa

...and provides biking adventures in several **15** Experienced Zenith staff provide assistance for bikers worldwide via an **16** Not all of Zenith's 3000 annual clients mountain bike in Canada – the Inter-country Zenith Network can organise connections to **17**

In Ottawa and Toronto, Zenith Accommodation is available and room rates are based on **18** The *Summer Experience 2013* offers several exciting options including air-ticket, transport and 24-hour emergency service.

The Zenith Bikers' Forum began **19** and helps paying customers by answering all biking-related questions. Customers can also find answers to their questions in the **20**

Read the text and answer Questions 21-27.

CLASSIFIED ADS – A USEFUL JOB-SEEKING RESOURCE

In their search for employment, increasing numbers of job seekers are once again turning to the help-wanted classified ads in their local newspapers. For some time this popular resource slumped as the heavily trafficked internet job sites became widely regarded as offering greater numbers of employment opportunities. In many cases this is a valid assumption. A local newspaper focuses on positions vacant in a specific town or region, whereas the on-line job site will typically contain advertisements for the whole country and possibly



even overseas.

If you are seeking work in your neighborhood, and do not wish to drive a long distance or move, the local, classified ads in your newspaper may be a viable option. Recent canvassing has revealed that some local and regional employers don't always post their position vacant ads on the major web sites. Many prefer to advertise closer to home and to hire locally in order to avoid having to pay relocation costs.

Often it is not necessary to purchase the newspapers, as these publications are widely available in libraries, coffee shops and even some waiting rooms. In addition, on-line newspaper editions, which contain the help-wanted ads, are now widely available and have contributed to the popularity of this form of advertising. These ads are usually searchable by date, category, keyword and location, making them competitive with the larger career and employment agencies found on the Internet.

Whether you apply for a job through a large, on-line employment agency or via a classified ad in a newspaper the same strategy is valid.

First of all, read the ad carefully and do your best to answer the following questions:

- Am I the type of person the employer is looking for – do I have the essential skills and experience?
- With whom would I be working – a group of people, one person or would I work independently?
- What other talents and experience can I include in my application?
- What opportunities and experiences might be available in this position that would be advantageous to my career?
- Do I have the skills to negotiate the challenges and problems of the position? (For example: working with much older employees or a woman working in an office full of men.)

Importantly, try to find a way to stand out from the other applicants.

Remember, whether you are responding to a positions vacant advertisement from an internet agency or a newspaper, your goal is to secure the interview before you stand a chance of being hired for the job.

Questions 21 - 27

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE	<i>if the statement agrees with the information</i>
FALSE	<i>if the statement contradicts the information</i>
NOT GIVEN	<i>if there is no information on this</i>

- 21 Classified ads have become more popular due to increases in unemployment.
- 22 On-line job sites list more vacancies than job sites in newspapers.
- 23 Internet job sites are recommended for local employment positions.
- 24 To avoid paying for moving expenses, employers advertise locally.
- 25 Compared with jobs online, jobs in newspapers require a slightly different approach.
- 26 An application should mention additional, relevant work experience.
- 27 When answering a positions vacant ad, the first aim is to be hired.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

Issued by the Bank of New South Wales in 1816, *Police Fund Notes* were one of the first official notes in Australia and were well-circulated throughout the 19th century. Their use continued up until 1910, around which time the Federal Government became responsible for issuing, monitoring and controlling all currencies that were used throughout the country. Once the *Australian Notes Act* was passed in 1910, it took three years for the Federal Government to issue the first series of Australian notes. The Government followed the British Imperial system where twelve pence made a shilling and twenty shillings made a pound.

The same Act also stopped different states and their banks from issuing and circulating their own notes. The status of 'state notes' as legal tender ceased from that time resulting in the Commonwealth Treasury having full responsibility and control over issuing notes. In 1920 however, control was transferred to a Board of Directors directly appointed by the Commonwealth Government.

By the end of 1924 a number of changes took place regarding the control of note issuing, the most significant being the replacement of the Commonwealth Government Board of Directors by the Commonwealth Bank Board of Directors.

Gradually, the Commonwealth Bank became the sole authority to issue Australian notes. This authority was formalised in 1945 by the *Commonwealth Bank Act*. In

1960, control was passed to another authority, the *Reserve Bank of Australia* (RBA), which took over the responsibility of central banking and the issuing of notes. In 1966 the RBA converted its currency from the Imperial system to decimal currency and named its standard currency the *dollar*.

In the 1970's Australia experienced rapid growth in its economy and population. This growth meant that more currency would need to be printed so the RBA began the construction of a new note printing complex in Melbourne. In 1981, the first batch of notes was printed in the new complex by the printing branch of the RBA which, in 1990, was officially named *Note Printing Australia*. In addition to larger-scale note printing, the RBA also concentrated on developing technologically advanced and complex note printing mechanisms to guard against counterfeiting. As a result of joint efforts by the RBA and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), revolutionary polymer notes were invented. Featuring exclusively a pictorial theme of settlement incorporating elements of Aboriginal culture, commemorative \$10 polymer notes were introduced in 1988 as part of Australia's bi-centennial celebrations.

The basic idea of developing polymer notes originated from an experiment where the RBA attempted to insert an Optically Variable Device (OVD) in the notes so that counterfeiters could not copy them. Over the years, a process has evolved in the production of polymer note printing which involves several steps. Initially, blank sheets are made out of a special kind of surface material called Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP) - a non-fibrous and non-porous polymer used as an alternative to paper in note printing that has a distinctive feel when touched. Usually, a technique called *Opacifying* is then used to apply ink to each side of the sheet through a die-cut that has a sealed space in it for the OVD – no ink is placed in this area, it remains transparent. The sheet is then ready for *Intaglio Printing*, a kind of printing which sets the ink in an embossed form, raising the printed elements – text, image, lines and other complicated shapes. The process then prints a *see-through registration device* by matching the images on both sides, dot by dot. If the images on both sides do not align perfectly, then the *see-through device* will not show any printing on it once the note is held up to a light source.

As a special security feature, *Shadow Image Creation* technique is then used by applying *Optically Variable Ink* (OVI) which allows the print on the reverse side to be also seen. All the notes then undergo a safety and functionality test where they are placed in front of a light source to check manually whether or not the reverse side can be seen. If the notes pass the test, it is assumed that the process has been successful.

The process then moves to *Micro Printing*, which is the printing of text so small that it can only be read with a magnifying glass. The second last phase of the process is *Florescence Printing* where some texts are printed in such a way that is only visible when viewed under ultra-violet (UV) light. The authenticity of a polymer note can be quickly established by holding it up to a UV light source – if

some texts glow under the UV light then the note is authentic. The last phase of the process is called *varnishing*, which is the over-coating of notes with a chemical that consists of drying oil, resin and thinner. This final phase makes the surfaces of the notes glossy and more durable.

Despite significant developments of technology and control, some people argue that the life of polymer notes as currency in Australia will come to an end due to the widespread usage of electronic fund transfer cards¹. Whether this will come to pass remains to be seen. One thing however seems certain, innovation of currency notes in Australia will continue into the foreseeable future.

¹ computer-based systems used to perform financial transactions electronically without physically exchanging notes or coins

Questions 28-34

Complete the flow-chart below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **28-34** on your answer sheet.

Polymer note production process

Instead of **28** a plastic polymer called *BOPP* is produced.



29 is applied to the *BOPP*.



A special area of the **30** is left clear for **31**



32 raises the printed elements on the *BOPP*



Images on both sides are matched.



Security and functionality are assessed by putting the notes
next to a **33**

↓

34 makes the polymer note shiny and longer-lasting.

Questions 35-39

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 35-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 3
5 Police Fund Notes were the first and only notes used in Australia.
- 3 The first notes issued by the Bank of New South Wales followed the British
6 Imperial System.
- 3
7 The first series of Australian notes were released in 1910.
- 3 The construction of the note printing complex in Melbourne was due to
8 economic progress in Australia.
- 3 Illustrations on the first Australian polymer note featured Australia's bi-
9 centenary.

Question 40

Choose the correct question, A-E.

Write the correct letter in box 40 on your answer sheet.

Which of the following is the most suitable title for Section 3?

- A Early Australian money
- B The economy of Australia
- C New polymer notes for Australia
- D Changes in Australian money
- E The future of Australian money

Practice Reading Test 3

ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 3, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Jeansia</i> shoes have <u>adjustable heels</u>, which means the <u>height of the shoes can be lowered or raised</u>.
2	B, G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Cool-Clicks</i> are <u>fashion shoes for children</u>, open back, relaxed summer shoe. Also, <u>Everyday shoes</u> are cost-effective everyday shoes (i.e. casual shoes) for kids.
3	E, H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Easy-Wear</i> shoes are for <u>both men and women</u>. <i>Sunny</i> shoes are <u>unisex shoes</u>, which means these are for both men and women.
4	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Bosa-Nova</i> is the only imported shoe. Imported means that it is brought/shipped from another country.
5	F, G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Formal</i> shoes come with a <u>free</u> shoe brush. <i>Everyday</i> shoes come with one pair of <u>free</u> laces.

6	B, F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>Cool-Clicks</i> come in <u>Black and Brown</u> and <i>Formal</i> shoes come in <u>White and Brown</u> shades (i.e. colours).
7	ix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD ix mentions <u>art</u>, which relates to creativity. It also mentions <u>deserts</u>, which refers to the driest parts of Canada.
8	vii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Demography</u> for a country refers to the population size, growth, density etc.
9	i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Canada's Forest</u> can contain information about Canada's woods and jungles.
10	iii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Shopping guide</u> contains information regarding shops, items sold, opening times etc.
11	ii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crossing hilly areas in <u>two wheels</u> refers to mountain biking.
12	iv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing Canadian dishes refer to Canadian <u>recipes</u>.
13	v	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entomology refers to the <u>study of insects</u>. 'Small creatures' and 'pests' are used to describe insects.
14	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor safety, food, self medication, wild living etc. refer to <u>survival techniques</u> in wildlife as it throws lot of challenges to the travellers.

Lab 3, Reading Passage 2, Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	Canadian cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Zenith operates in several <u>Canadian cities</u>.
16	international network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Zenith serves bikers from around the world via an <u>international network</u>.
17	other countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Zenith can make <u>connections to other countries</u> for the bikers through its Inter-country Network.
18	size and location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that room rates depend on <u>the size and location</u> of the room chosen.
19	3 years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that ZBF started operating <u>3 years ago</u>.
20	Chat-room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is specified that customers can also get their questions answered in the <u>chat-room</u>.
21	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is nothing in the passage about this! There is a statement that looking for ads in local newspapers is increasing but <u>nothing is mentioned about why</u>.
22	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states, "For some time this popular resource (newspaper ads) slumped as the heavily trafficked internet job sites became widely regarded as offering greater numbers of employment opportunities. This means that there were more online job ads than

		those listed in newspapers.
23	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first and second paragraphs state: “on-line job sites will typically contain advertisements for the whole country and possibly even overseas....If you are seeking work in your neighborhood...<u>the local, classified ads in your newspaper may be a viable option.</u> This means online jobs cover a larger area (whole country and overseas) while <i>local ads</i> are for <i>local jobs</i>.
24	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states: “Many (employers) prefer to advertise closer to home and to hire locally in order to avoid paying relocation costs.”
25	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states: “Whether you apply for a job through a large, on-line employment agency or via a classified ad in a newspaper the <u>same strategy is valid.</u> This means the application process is the same.
26	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage states: Do your best to answer the following questions... ”What other talents and experience can I include in my application?” In other words, a person applying for a job should aim to include relevant experience with their application.
27	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states: “...your goal is to <u>secure the interview</u> before you stand a chance of being hired for the job.” This means the first aim is to secure an interview and <i>then</i> be hired for the job.

Lab 3, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that BOPP is used as an <u>alternate</u> to (i.e. instead of) <u>paper</u>.
29	ink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>ink is applied</u> on each side of the <u>BOPP</u>sheet.
30	sheet OR BOPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that a part of the <u>sheet</u> (which is made of <u>BOPP</u>) is left transparent (i.e. no ink is put, which means it is left clear).
31	OVD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process mentions that the sealed space is left for <u>OVD</u>.
32	Intaglio Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Intaglio Printing sets the ink in an <u>embossed</u>form that <u>raises</u> the printed elements.
33	light source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that by placing (i.e. putting) the notes in front of a <u>light source</u> the <u>security</u> (i.e. <u>safety</u>) and <u>functionality</u> are tested.
34	varnishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process mentions about varnishing, which is <u>applying</u><u>chemical</u> to make the notes <u>glossy</u> (i.e. shiny) and <u>durable</u> (i.e. longer-lasting).
35	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage mentions that Police Fund Notes were <u>one of the first official notes</u>, which means

		these were <u>not the only notes</u> .
36	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the notes issued by <u>the Government</u> followed the British system. Whether the notes issued by the Bank of New South Wales also had followed that system or not is not given.
37	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that it took <u>three years</u> to release the first series of Australian notes once the Act was passed in 1910. This means that the notes were released not in 1910 rather in 1913.
38	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the new note printing complex was due to Australia's rapid growth in economy and population. Economic growth refers to economic progress.
39	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the first Polymer note featured <u>exclusively a theme</u> (which means the only theme) of settlement and elements of Aboriginal culture. The notes were <u>launched</u> on the occasion of Australia's bi-centenary but did not feature anything regarding it as <u>the only theme was settlement</u>.
40	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage discusses the changes in Australian money that took place <u>over the years</u> – the changes of authority to issue money, the changes in materials used to print money and the changes in circulation of money.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text and answer Questions 1-7.

UTOPIAN ISLAND TOURS **- ISLAND OVERVIEW AND BOOKINGS -**

As New Zealand's most attractive tour company, Utopian Island Tours is always there for you to make your trip to Waki Island enjoyable.

Making a booking:

Bookings require three forms of identification. This means you should provide us with a document showing your residential address, your passport (if not NZ citizen) and a phone number where you can be contacted. You can log on to our website and fill in the online

booking form, you can call 425 125 483 or you can visit us in person at any of our 3 booking centres at Customs Road, City Centre and South Queens Road.

Departure times and rates for our tours:

Single day tours

Monday to Thursday: Depart 11.00 am, arrive 7.00 pm.

Friday to Sunday: Depart 8.45 am, arrival 9.00 pm.

Rates – Single: \$150, Couple: \$250, Child under 12: \$50

Two-day tours

Monday to Thursday: Depart 11.00 am, arrive 5.30 pm (2 days later)

Friday to Sunday: Depart 8.45 am, arrive 9.00 pm (2 days later)

Rates – Single: \$250, Couple: \$400, Child under 12: \$90

Things to bring:

- Warm clothes, weather can be quite unpredictable.
- Camera with reels, if SLR. The only photo studio at Waki often runs short of film.
- Binoculars can be great – you may spot some wildlife!
- Fishing gear.
- 2-day tourists like to bring their favourite drinks for the traditional first night BBQ.

Entertainment options available on the island:

Bars

Waki has three bars, all by the sea that remain open till late.

Shopping

Waki has a native handicraft bazaar right in the city centre. With all items reasonably priced, the bazaar is a fantastic place for souvenir hunters!

Restaurants

A variety of restaurants specialising in Waki sea-food are in demand on the island. A selection of other restaurants from hamburgers to Asian cuisine is also available.

Vineyard

Waki Island summer wines are reaching as far as Europe and US. Come and sample the delicious Waki wines!

Cancellations

In order to receive a full refund, cancellations must be made at least 7 days prior to the departure date. Cancellations made 1 to 6 days prior to departure will receive a partial refund of up to 50%. Cancellations made on the departure date will not be given a refund.

Questions 1-7

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 1 New Zealand citizens must bring their passports to book a Utopian Island tour.
- 2 Tours can be booked on the Internet.
- 3 Larger groups (over 10) may receive a discount.
- 4 Two-day tours leaving on Wednesday arrive later than two-day tours that leave on Sunday.
- 5 The climate on Waki Island often changes.
- 6 All the bars on Waki Island are next to the ocean.
- 7 A person cancelling a trip one week before the departure date will receive a 100% refund.

Read the advertisements for apartments below and answer Questions 8-14.

Rental Apartment Ads

A. Northland Apartments

Modern two bedroom, two bathroom dwellings with security parking for one car. Kitchen/Dining area, fully furnished. Each apartment is part of a three-story boutique-style building. Sea views on one side. One garden courtyard. Rent \$1400 per month. Two month's rental bond required. Inspection is available only on weekends by appointment.

Notes

Positives

- stunning modern architecture, award winning boutique building
- furniture and fixtures almost new
- close to the beach, restaurants and pubs
- heated swimming pool
- pool and garden maintained by estate agent
- one tennis court within the complex
- 24-hour security camera.

Negatives

- no lift facility, stairs only
- maintenance fee of \$500 for swimming pool, tennis court and security system
- utility bills must be paid separately
- minimum two months notice required before leaving
- noisy during summer in the beach area
- no intercom facility.

B. Peninsula Apartments

Fully furnished, one bedroom apartment in a spacious complex. One bathroom and large kitchen counters. Security guards on patrol 24 hours a day. Located in the heart of the City Shopping Complex area. Commercial establishments are located from the ground to the 7th floors with one-bedroom apartments on floors 8 to 12. Rent \$900 per month, no rental bond required but one referral is mandatory.

Notes

Positives

- roof top BBQ and party area
- free membership at the Wellbeing Gym, (normally \$100 per month)
- all interior fittings are imported from Italy
- separate lifts available from the ground floor directly to the apartment floors.

Negatives

- no reserved parking for apartment tenants - tenants need to park in public parking or in the shopping complex parking next door
- apartments have no windows – natural outdoor ventilation comes via the corridor outside each apartment
- electricity, gas and water bills separate.

C. Mascot Apartments

Spaciously planned, open studio apartments at the posh residential area of Endeavour Hill. Separate bathroom and toilet – German fittings. Rent per month \$1200. One month's rental bond required. All apartments come with a balcony and windows on two sides. One garage per apartment.

<i>Notes</i>	
<p>Positives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • separate guest entertainment lounge at each floor • central air-conditioning and heating installed • high speed broadband internet pre-installed, added \$40 per month required • free window and carpet cleaning every three months. 	<p>Negatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no nearby public transport, although taxi stand is close • nearest train station is 25 minutes walk • 25 year old building • no guest parking on premises • apartments not furnished.

<p>D. Villa Apartments</p> <p>Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, two parking and one large living room. Separate kitchen. Fully furnished. Rent \$2000 per month, all bills payable separately. Ideal for a family of 4. Lift as well as stair access to each floor. 24-hour alarm and security cameras. Two grocery shops, one convenience store and one saloon on the ground floor. No rental bond required. One month notice essential.</p>	
<i>Notes</i>	
<p>Positives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new building and furniture 	<p>Negatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • domestic airport and major

<p>- built in 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • close to Custom Street ferry terminal - charming outdoor walk and entertainment areas • open roof area for small-scale parties • kids' playground on the 1st floor • next to train station, bus stop and local school • guest parking facilities. 	<p>highway nearby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heavy traffic during weekday peak hours is to be expected • restricted speed limits due to school next door.
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Questions 8 - 14

Look at the four advertisements, A-D.

For which apartment are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter, A, B, C or D, in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.

- 8 This apartment would be suitable for a family with children.
- 9 A recommendation from somebody else is a must before renting this apartment.
- 1 Surrounding areas would NOT be quiet during the warmest time of the year.
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- 11 People with their own furniture would consider this accommodation.
- 1 This apartment would not be a good choice for people who have difficulty walking.
2
- 1 Pre-rental viewing is possible only on fixed days.
3
- 1 A local fitness centre will not charge residents of these apartments anything for membership.
4

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the information below and answer Questions 15-21.

CMG Bank

Credit Card Contract Information

Dear Customer,

Thank you for applying for a CMG Bank Credit Card.

A ***Credit Card Contract*** between you (the Primary Card Holder) and CMG Bank will govern the usage of your Credit Card. Please take the time to read and understand the following information, which is an overview of the important parts of our contract with you, our valued customer.

1. Identification

It is a requirement that you provide CMG verification of your identity. This is a legal requirement which can be met by producing any two of the following documents:

- a. Driver's Licence
- b. Birth Certificate
- c. Valid Passport
- d. Any existing Credit Card details

At least one of the above documents MUST contain your photograph and signature.

2. Credit Limit

- a. The credit limit you are entitled to will be provided in the *Letter of Offer*, which you will receive if your application is successful. You may request an increase in your credit limit at any time. The bank reviews all requests and usually notifies customers after five (5)

working days.

- b. You must not exceed your credit limit unless CMG Bank has authorised you to do so in writing. If you exceed your limit, a warning letter and/or email is sent to you and a penalty fee of £40 will be automatically debited from your account. Funds exceeding your limit are also charged at the highest rate of interest (check www.cmgbank.co.uk for updated rates).

3. Rules for Use

- a. CMG Bank Credit Card must be used wholly and exclusively by you and/or nominated user(s).
- b. Use of the card for any unlawful purposes (i.e. purchase of goods or services that are prohibited by law) will result in immediate suspension.
- c. If you require a card for exclusive business use, please telephone a local CMG branch and ask about Business Credit Card.

4. Additional Cards

- a. You can nominate any person over 16 to be a *Secondary User*. This means they can carry an additional card that will be linked to your credit account.
- b. You will be responsible and liable for any purchase made on this additional card. It is also your responsibility make available a copy of this contract and explain the *Terms and Conditions* to any nominated Secondary User. The additional cardholder may make full use of the credit card to purchase goods and services and receive cash advances. Nominated Secondary Users may not request a credit limit increase.
- c. Once you have nominated a Secondary User, CMG will mail the additional card to the person. Please make sure you provide the correct address.
- d. The primary card holder is able to cancel an additional card at any time by filling a form at our Card Cancellation

Department.

5. Purchasing from Merchants

- a. A CMG Bank Credit Card is accepted by all merchants displaying the card symbol.
- b. The price a merchant charges for goods and/or services purchased may differ from a cash price. CMG will not bear any liability for merchants' pricing.
- c. If you have a complaint regarding goods or services purchased, you need to resolve the issue with the merchant directly.

Questions 15-18

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 15-18 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

15 The maximum amount of money a customer can spend is stated in the Letter of Offer.

16 If a customer exceeds their credit limit, interest and £40 will be charged.

17 The CMG Bank Credit Card may also be used for some business transactions.

18 Secondary users will be responsible for any purchase they make.

Questions 19-21

Complete the sentences below with words taken from the passage.

*Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 19-21 on your answer sheet.

- 19 Out of four verification documents, one must have the applicant's
- 20 CMG's response to requests for a credit limit increase takes
- 21 Clients wanting a should phone the bank.

Read the text and answer Questions 22-27.

CMG Bank

Card Descriptions and Options

CMG Silver Card

Enjoy a low annual fee as well as a low 7% per annum interest on purchases. Cash advances must be requested in writing. The Silver Card offers customers a credit limit of up to £2000 which makes it a great card for junior executives and people in casual employment. Apply on or before July 15 for the special promotional offer – 55 days interest free* purchase. A fixed annual fee of only £45 or £30 if you are currently a CMG banking customer.

CMG Gold Card

A low 9% interest rate per annum with a credit limit of up to £3000. Automatic cash advance facilities**. An annual fee of only £50 if customers link their credit account with their existing CMG savings account. For non-CMG customers, the annual fee is £65. Special Gold-Class online protection for internet transactions. Upon request, phone banking facilities are activated for fund transfers. Optional insurance cover for loss or theft of the card – a

standard fee of £40 annually applies for this option.

CMG Gold *Plus* Card

Become a Gold Plus Card holder before July 31 and enjoy no interest and no repayments for 3 months! Earn bonus points for every purchase. Earn cash or airline ticket rewards for accumulated points - one point for every dollar spent***. A credit limit of £5000 applies with an interest free period of 45 days. Annual fee of £75. Three Secondary User cards at no additional issuing cost which incur a low annual fee of £10 per card.

CMG Platinum Card

If you apply online before August 31 during our special promotional period, you will enjoy no interest charges for up to 6 months. Always 55 days interest free credit on all purchases. A credit limit of up to £7,500 available upon request. The Platinum Card has been specially designed for managers and high level executives. An annual fee of £100 applies. Year-end inter-state airline ticket gift for all cardholders in good standing. Five Secondary User cards may be issued at no extra cost. 2 points for every dollar spent in the rewards programme. Rewards include: home furniture, electronic goods, free petrol, kitchen appliances, clothing and more!

Additional optional services

CMG Credit Cover (CCC):

CCC is an option customers may choose that helps to provide peace of mind. If you experience an illness or injury or become involuntarily unemployed, CCC insures that your minimum monthly credit payment will be met. In the event of your total and permanent disablement, CCC will pay your credit card balance in full. CCC covers any loss due to stolen cards.

Security Plus

Protects you against any fraudulent use of your credit card and other valuable personal possessions like mobile phones and laptop computers. It is an outsourced service from Secure Plus Insurance Company Ltd. that works in close association with CMG. For a nominal yearly cost of £25 you can enjoy the benefits of this service. Simply register the details of your card(s) and valuables with Security Plus. If your card(s) or other possessions are lost or stolen, inform Security Plus. Your accounts will be blocked and measures will be taken to recover your items.

**does not apply to cash advances*

*** an interest rate of 17% applies to cash advances*

**** no points are awarded for cash advances*

Questions 22 - 27

*Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.*

Write your answers in boxes 22-27 on your answer sheet.

22

The CMG Silver Card

- A** permits customers to spend up to £2000.
- B** is only for junior executives or casual workers.
- C** must be used on or before July 15.
- D** has a standard fee for all customers.

23

The CMG Gold Card

- A** provides internet security.
- B** offers free insurance against theft.
- C** provides a selection of insurers.

- D** requires cardholders to have a CMG savings account

24 The CMG Gold Plus Card

- A** allows for additional cards at no extra cost.
- B** allows owners to spend more than £5000 interest free.
- C** offers a reward for each dollar spent.
- D** is offering a special deal for new customers.

25 The CMG Platinum Card

- A** does not charge interest for a period of 6 months.
- B** costs £100 per year.
- C** automatically offers customers a £7,500 credit limit.
- D** offers an automatic credit limit of £15,000.

- A** is a service that operates through mobile phones.
- B** is a company owned by CMG Bank.
- C** prevents the risk of excess funds being transferred by a cardholder.
- D** costs £25 per year.

27 A new customer not wanting to pay high annual fees should choose the

- A** CMG Gold Plus Card.
- B** CMG Platinum Card.
- C** CMG Silver Card.
- D** CMG Gold Card.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

Measuring Intelligence



A

Intelligence has been defined as ‘a property of mind that enables us to perform a wide variety of mental activities that include reasoning, planning, solving problems and learning new things’. However psychologists that focus on ways to measure intelligence, define it as ‘the degree to which one can adapt to one’s environment’.

B

The first attempts in the modern era to systematically measure intelligence date back to the beginning of the 20th century. French psychologist Alfred Binet published the first modern intelligence test, the *Binet-Simon intelligence scale* in 1905. His original intention was to identify students that needed extra academic support. Unfortunately, he was not able to complete his work, managing just two revisions of his initial study, before he passed away in 1911 at the age of 54.

C

Englishman Sir Francis Galton also contributed to the development of intelligence measurement techniques. His research focused on a slightly different aspect of intelligence that he called *psychometrics*. This area of study was concerned with the measurement of knowledge, abilities, attitudes, and personality traits. Like Binet, he also started his research by focusing on the differences between individuals and groups of individuals. Galton studied people’s ‘everyday activities’ for several weeks and noted that although the activities are common to all people, there were considerable variations in terms of the mental processes required to perform the tasks. Galton’s psychometric point of view and Binet’s idea of a scale-based measurement of intelligence opened new avenues for further research and inspired other psychologists.

D

The next significant step along the road to measuring intelligence was in 1912 through the work of William Stern. Although Stern did not follow directly on from Binet’s work, his research popularised the term *intelligence quotient* or *IQ*. It was Stanford University psychologist Lewis Terman who did continue Binet’s work showing, through the *Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale*, that IQ could be measured. Almost a century later, one of the most effective measurement tools of human intelligence is based upon Stern’s original IQ test. Later, in 1906 while at Stanford, Terman published a revised and perfected Binet-Simon scale for American populations. This *Stanford Revision of the Binet-Simon Scale*, soon became known as the *Stanford-Binet*, was considered to be the best available individual intelligence test of its day. Terman’s work focused on the scientific diagnosis and classification of children based on their intelligence. Terman followed Stern’s research methods and measured human intelligence through use of

a formula - the ratio of mental age and chronological age multiplied by 100. Terman's research enabled schools to organise special classes for the students with a low score on the intelligence scale and to develop an advanced curriculum for students who were of superior intelligence. From 1949 to 1955, psychologist David Wechsler developed an integrated intelligence measurement tool. This tool was used to measure the intelligence of both adults and children. Wechsler's tests have grown in popularity amongst today's psychologists with the *Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale* and *Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children* being commonly used for adults and children alike.

E

Like all revolutionary inventions, the measurement of IQ also went through a lot of changes during the early phases of its development. Gradually, the complex testing format was simplified and standardised. During the 1990s, IQ measurement was reduced to simply answering some questions in a 30-minute test. IQ measurement systems have proven to be so popular that organisations, clubs and societies have formed which only accept members with certain IQ levels. The most well-known of these groups, *Mensa International*, was founded by an Australian barrister Roland Berrill after he received financial assistance from British technologist, Dr. Lancelot Ware. *Mensa* only accepts members who have scored in the top 2% of a standardised IQ test. Gradually a number of similar clubs and societies have formed worldwide, many of them now well-established authorities that promote human intelligence studies for the benefit of greater humanity.

F

In the present day, psychologists have grouped IQ test forms based on the precise aspects of intelligence to be tested. These IQ tests are usually a mix of problems aimed at measuring short-term memory, pinpointing verbal knowledge, exploring spatial visualisation and calculating the speed of perception. Based upon the method used, some tests have a total time limit while others have a specific time limit for each subset. When it comes to measuring high intelligence however, tests are neither bound by time nor by supervision.

G

The acceptance of modern IQ testing systems increased when the Guinness Book of World Records added a category which they called 'Highest IQ'. Many were surprised to learn that Marilyn Savant, the one given the title, was a university drop-out. There are, however, groups of people who oppose the concept of measuring intelligence. They represent a school of thought that conclude that intelligence is something too abstract to measure and to express in terms of numeric values. It is believed that the development of computer technology will someday resolve the controversies surrounding how intelligence is measured.

Questions 28-34

Look at the following statements (Questions 28-34) and the list of people below.

Match each statement with the person to whom it refers.

*Write your answers **A-H** in boxes **28-34** on your answer sheet.*

- 28** the foundation for one of the best present-day intelligence measurement tools
- 29** intellectual ability to do daily work varies from person to person
- 30** a wealthy man who helped someone to implement an idea
- 31** the pioneer of contemporary intelligence testing
- 32** highly intelligent but did not complete university
- 33** invented a mathematical rule to measure intelligence
- 34** originated the concept of a group that only accepts members who have high IQs

List of People

- | | |
|----------|----------------|
| A | Lewis Terman |
| B | Marilyn Savant |
| C | William Stern |
| D | Roland Berrill |
| E | Francis Galton |
| F | Alfred Binet |
| G | David Wechsler |
| H | Lancelot Ware |

Questions 35-40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 35-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

35 Psychologists that measure intelligence define it as being how easily people can change to suit their surroundings.

36 Binet studied intelligence in order to locate students with learning problems.

37 Galton's research showed that regular human activities use different parts of the brain.

38 Stern's IQ test is considered the best intelligence measurement tool today.

39 IQ tests must be supervised by a qualified professional.

40 Computers are expected to solve the problems related to the measurement of IQ.

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ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 4, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest. Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that passport is need if the tourist <u>is not New Zealand citizen</u>. This means that New Zealand citizens do not need to bring passport.
2	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that one can <u>log on to website</u> and fill in the online booking form. It means that the tours can be booked online.
3	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The passage <u>does not specify</u> anything regarding discounts for larger groups.
4	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that tours leaving on Wednesday arrive at 5.30PM, while tours leaving on Sunday arrive at 9.00PM.

		So, Wednesday tours <u>do not arrive later than Sunday tours</u> , rather they arrive 3 and half hour earlier.
5	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the weather can be quite <u>unpredictable</u>, which means it changes frequently.
6	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the bars are by the <u>sea</u>, which means <u>next to the ocean</u>.
7	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that in order to receive a <u>full refund</u> (i.e. 100% refund), cancellations must be made <u>at least 7 days</u> (i.e. 1 week) prior to the departure date.
8	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that it is <u>ideal for family of 4</u>. Family of 4 refers to <u>family with children</u>.
9	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>referral is mandatory</u>. Referral means <u>recommendation</u> by somebody and mandatory means that <u>it is a must</u>.
10	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that ‘the area is noisy during summer’. <u>Noisy</u> means it is <u>loud</u>. Summer is the warmest time of the year.
11	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The advertisement clearly states that Mascot Apartments <u>are not furnished</u>.
12	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that there is <u>no lift, only stairs</u>. It is not a good choice for people who have difficulty walking (climbing the stairs).
13	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that inspection open <u>only during</u>

		<u>weekends</u> . <u>Inspection</u> refers to assessment and only during weekend means there are <u>fixed days for inspection</u> .
14	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <u>commercial gym</u> (i.e. fitness centre) offers <u>free membership</u> to the tenants. Free membership means there is <u>no charge</u> applicable.

Lab 4, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <u>Letter of Offer</u> mentions the credit limit, which means the maximum amount of money <u>a user can spend</u>.
16	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that a <u>penalty fee</u> of £40 will be charged for exceeding credit limit. It is also mentioned that funds exceeding credit limit will be charged at the highest <u>interest rate</u>.
17	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that clients can get CMG Business Credit Card for <u>dedicated</u> business purposes. But, whether or not the CMG Bank Credit card can be used for <u>some business transaction</u> is not given.
18	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the primary cardholder will be <u>responsible</u> for any purchase that the <u>secondary users make</u>.
19	signature and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that among the four documents <u>at least one</u> must have <u>photograph and signature</u> of the

	photograph	applicant.
20	five working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the bank reviews requests for increasing credit limits and notifies within <u>5 working days</u>.
21	Business Credit Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that clients looking for a card for <u>business purpose</u> should contact the bank for <u>Business Credit Card</u>.
22	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the CMG Silver Card has a <u>credit limit of \$2000</u>, which means that it permits the user to spend up to \$2000.
23	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that CMG Gold Card offers <u>online protection</u>, which means <u>internet security</u>.
24	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If customers become CMG Gold Plus Card holders before July 31 they will <u>enjoy no interest and no repayments for 3 months</u> – this is a special offer.
25	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that CMG Platinum Card has <u>an annual fee of £100</u>, which means it costs £100 per year.
26	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Security Plus costs a nominal fee of <u>£25 per year</u>.
27	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It can be calculated that for CMG Silver Card the annual fee for a new customer is <u>£45</u>, which is the lowest.

Lab 4, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section D that almost <u>a century later</u>, <u>William Stern's</u> test is still considered as the <u>basis (i.e. foundation)</u> for one of the most effective measurement tools of human intelligence.
29	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section C that <u>Francis Galton</u> studied people's <u>severyday activities</u> (i.e. daily works) and noted considerable variations in terms of the mental (<u>intellectual</u>) processes to perform tasks.
30	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section E that <u>Lancelot Ware</u> was an <u>affluent</u> (i.e. wealthy) professional who <u>financially helped</u> Berrill to implement the <u>idea</u> of forming a club.
31	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section B that <u>Alfred Binet</u> published the first (i.e. <u>pioneer</u>) modern (i.e. <u>contemporary</u>) intelligence test.
32	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section G that <u>Marilyn Savant</u>, a <u>university drop-out</u> (i.e. did not continue study) had the highest IQ in the world.
33	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated in Section D that <u>Terman</u> developed a <u>formula</u> (i.e. mathematical rule) to measure intelligence.
34	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that in Section E that <u>Roland Berrill</u> started <i>Mensa International</i> that accepted the <u>top 2%</u> IQ scorers as members.

35	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that psychologists define intelligence as ‘the degree to which one can adapt to one’s environment’, which means people’s <u>sability to change</u> (adapt) to suit their surroundings (i.e. <u>environment</u>).
36	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B mentions that Binet’s intention of developing intelligence test was to <u>identify (i.e. locate)</u> students that needed extra academic support, which means the students who had <u>learning problems</u>.
37	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C mentions about Galton’s work on <u>individuals and groups of individuals</u> but it does not mention whether or not his research showed that regular human activities use <u>different parts of the brain</u>.
38	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section D mentions that almost a century later, <u>one of the most effective measurement tools</u> of human intelligence is <u>based upon</u> Stern’s original IQ test. It does not mention that Stern’s test is <u>the best</u>. Also, ‘<u>based upon</u>’ does not mean that Stern’s test is the tool. The answer is not given.
39	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section F mentions that high intelligence tests are <u>not bound by supervision</u>, which means supervision is <u>not mandatory</u> (i.e. a must) for all tests.
40	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section G mentions that someday computers will resolve the <u>controversies (i.e. problems)</u> on how intelligence is measured.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text and answer Questions 1-7.

Wonder Plates

A unique, personalised gift!

Wonder Plate is offering you a unique gift opportunity - a personalised ceramic plate! Ceramic plates make wonderful gifts for loved ones and friends. Each plate contains a special message from you to the recipient. Wonder Plates are both practical and

individually unique. Why not surprise a special friend or loved one? All you have to do is to follow these three easy steps:

Step 1

On an A4 sheet of paper write a personal message. Write it exactly as you want it to appear on the plate. We recommend a type-written print-out. The message should not be more than 50 words.

Step 2

Select one of our 10 plate colour options and a design from one of our 12 design patterns. Each design is completely different so we are confident that you will find at least one to match your taste (please refer to the attached brochure for colours and plate design options).

Step 3

Sign the attached form, enclose your personal message, and send these to us together with your payment. Please send only money orders or cheques - DO NOT send cash.

Charges:

The charge for a standard-sized plate is \$20 regardless of the colour you choose. A fixed charge of \$100 per plate for the design and printing of the message is also payable.

Bulk orders:

Your order size can attract a discount! For orders of two to four plates, customers are entitled to a 15% discount. For orders of five to ten plates, the cost per plate reduces to \$12 each with message and design printing slashed to \$75 per plate.

Delivery:

Once we receive your order and payment your plate(s) will be sent via regular mail. Delivery can be expected within 14 business days. If you require a faster delivery time, please fill in the *Urgent Form* and send an additional \$30 (guaranteed 3-day delivery).

We guarantee your satisfaction, but if for some reason you are not satisfied with our product or service, please fill in the Consumer Feedback Form (included with the brochure) and send it to our Customer Service department. Alternatively, you may call one of our friendly Customer Service Officers on 12 25 23 (toll free).

Please send your message, form and payment to PO BOX 2350, CYK

Phone: 12 25 23 Fax: 0212 125 5624

Complete the sentences below with words taken from the passage.

*Use **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.*


Write your answers in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.


- 1 The ceramic Wonder Plate is a unique gift because it is
- 2 The personal message must not exceed
- 3 Customers choose from designs.
- 4 Examples of plate designs can be found in the
- 5 Price per plate varies depending upon the
- 6 The must be completed for a quick delivery.
- 7 If a customer is not satisfied they should fill in the feedback form or

Questions 8 - 14

*Look at the advertisements **A-L**.*

*Answer the questions below by writing the correct letters **A-L** in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.*

<p>A</p> <p>Special Moments <i>Professional Family Video</i></p>  <p>We do professional video of any and all family occasions – birthdays, weddings, get-togethers or any other memorable events.</p> <p>Professional editing with music tracks as</p>	<p>B</p> <p>Peter's Garage – Richmond</p> <p>For all your motorcycle repairs and services</p> <p>Grade A certification.</p> <p>Engine servicing, road safety testing Body repair, dents fixed</p>
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Question 8-14

Which business should be contacted in each of the following situations?

Write the correct letters A-L in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.

- 8 A motorcyclist driving on the wrong side of the road hit my motorcycle and crushed the front wheel and part of the motor. I want to be paid for the loss.
- 9 My friend lives in Malaysia and it is her birthday. I would like to send her some money so that she can buy herself a birthday gift.
- 1 It is my wedding anniversary and I want to give a special present to my wife during
0 dinner at home.
- 11 I have an Italian cookbook but cannot follow it on my own. I need an instructor to help me to understand it.
- 1 My child's birthday party will be held at home. I would like to take some of my own
2 video and need to buy the right equipment.

1 I am going to take my annual leave from my office next month. I am thinking of
3 spending some leisure time overseas.

1 My friends are coming from Italy. I need a place for them to stay for 2 or 3 days.
4

PARADISE ISLAND TRIP COMPANY (PITC)

MEET OUR STAFF: JULY - NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Beryl Dickson

I come from a sociology background. After completing my Masters in Sociology from the State University I worked for a research firm for 4 years. I joined the Tourism Department and worked there for 3 more years in the same field of research. Over the years I found research too theoretical so I began looking for other employment opportunities. The change I was looking for ended up being the *PITC*! I am very happy to be working here as the Customer Service Manager, I am even able to use some of my previous research skills. I meet lots of visitors everyday and this is a very enjoyable part of my job.

Rita Martin

Hello, I am Rita! I've been working for the *PITC* for the past 3 years. Currently I am the Booking Supervisor. I completed a Diploma in Hospitality Management six months ago and this is my first job since graduating! I am delighted to work with *Paradise*, my role is to ensure a smooth booking process for all our visitors. I usually work in the city office but sometimes I need to travel to the island and monitor booking procedures – this is the part of my job I like the best!

Judith Clemons

I was a school teacher before joining *PITC*. I became interested in a job on the island after staying here for one of my holidays. The natural beauty of the island so impressed me that I decided I had to get a job here! I look after visitor accommodation services on the island. I welcome suggestions from visitors in regards to accommodation services. Part of my job is also to monitor food services. If you have any comment on the food and drinks provided as a part of your stay, do not hesitate to contact me.

Shane Moore

I am one of the tour guides. Working five days a week, I guide groups of about 25 visitors around different sites on the island. My job requires me to know a lot about the island and its history. My job and my background are a bit of a mismatch - my background is sports. I was an athlete from my early 20's to mid 30's. Once I got married I retired from sports and started a new career at *PITC*, where I have been working for around 5 years. My wife and I both love travelling.

Lesley Albertson

I used to work in the music industry before joining hospitality. I was the store manager for a CD/DVD company before joining *PITC* as a tour guide. Working part-time, three days a week, I cover the north part of the island. I completed my Diploma of Arts two years ago. I love driving. During my own holidays I enjoy driving around the island. The days I do not work for *Paradise*, I work for a Music Recording studio owned by a local businessman. I enjoy humour and meeting people. I love my job as a tour guide – meeting new people is really exciting!

Ian Rawnsley

I was working for a competitor company before joining *PITC* as the Finance Controller. At my previous place of employment I was a senior accountant. I did my accounting degree at an overseas university. A major part of my job is to invest in facilities that help us attract more visitors. I take careful note of visitors' feedback and accordingly make new investment plans.

Diana Ford

I have been working here for last 3 months as a front desk officer. As a part of my daily activities I assist visitors as the receptionist, so I am the initial point of contact when it comes to visiting our establishment. I answer most of the phone calls at the office during normal business hours so chances are we have spoken before! Before this job I was a model. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree, which was very hard for me (lots of complex mathematics 😊) but I finally passed! Last month I was even declared 'Employee of the Month'!

SECTION 2

Questions 15 - 27

Questions 15-21

Look at the following statements (Questions 15-21) and the list of people below.

Match each of the statements 15-21 with a person in the table below.

Write your answers A-G in boxes 15-21 on your answer sheet.

NB *You may use one letter more than once.*

- 15** This person is responsible to ensure guest housing is acceptable.
- 16** This person presently has two employers.
- 17** A dislike for a previous job caused this person to start working for *PITC*.

- 18 A new *PITC* guest will likely speak to or see this person first.
- 19 This person's primary place of employment is **NOT** on Paradise Island.
- 20 The beautiful environment motivated this person to get a job on Paradise Island.
- 21 This person enjoys spending holiday time on Paradise Island.

List of People

A	Beryl Dickson
B	Rita Martin
C	Judith Clemons
D	Shane Moore
E	Lesley Albertson
F	Ian Rawnsley
G	Diana Ford

Read the passage below and answer Questions 22-27.

Photo Perfect Travel Cameras - User's Guide -

Thank you for purchasing a Photo Perfect Travel Camera – a camera that will capture all your precious travel moments! We have made every effort to make our cameras robust and features user friendly so that you get the very best while you are travelling. This Rapid Guide will introduce you to some of the basic components and features of the camera and how to use them. Please read the Extra User Guide carefully for more in-depth instruction before using the camera. Be sure to keep the Rapid Guide handy.

Battery

To guard against possible leakage, we do not install batteries. To begin operation, insert 4 AA batteries into the battery compartment. Standard batteries will last for

up to 12 hours of continuous use. Lithium AA batteries will last for 24 hours continuously.

Lens

Your Photo Perfect camera is equipped with an 80x digital zoom wide angle lens with image stabiliser. The camera is also fitted with our patented *AirwalkerJJ*™ technology enabling you to cushion zoom. Avoid touching the lens and always clean with a cotton cloth.

Self-timer

With our self-timer technology, you can appear in your own photograph! The camera's shutter can be delayed by 5 to 10 seconds once the shutter button has been set. Before activating the self-timer make sure the camera is placed on a flat surface. The yellow border in the view finder determines what will appear in your picture.

Image quality and size

Images are stored in your camera's memory stick in a compressed format, which allows you to store more photographs. Due to compression, the preview of the images on the camera's display screen may reveal a loss of detail. When the images are printed or transferred to other high-resolution viewing devices (such as a computer), full resolution will be displayed.

Setting the right image size is important to get a perfect printout of your photographs. You can choose from manual and auto settings. The Photo Perfect user friendly image setting button allows you to select any of the three size setting options. For an actual printout of a 4 x 6 inch photo, set the image button to 'A' on the dial. For a printout of a 7 x 9 inch photo, set the button to 'B' and for a printout of a 10 x 12 inch photo, turn the dial to 'C'. Note: A larger image size setting will require more memory.

Storage

If the camera is not going to be used for more than 2 weeks, please remove the batteries. Store the camera in its supplied case away from magnetic fields created by other electronic equipment (TVs or radios) and within a temperature range of 5°C to 35°C.

Accessories

Photo Perfect cameras come with a standard 4GB memory card. A range of other accessories are available at a reasonable cost, which can be chosen based on user requirements:

- Memory cards of 15GB and 30GB.
- 4 rechargeable AA batteries and charger.

- Genuine leather camera cover, upgrade from standard inclusion cloth cover.
- Handy photo printer weighing only 750 g.

Questions 22-27

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 22-27 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 22 TWO instruction guides are included with the new camera.
- 23 In order to protect the camera, batteries are not installed.
- 24 Lithium batteries are recommended for the camera.
- 25 The 'C' setting on the image dial uses more memory than the 'A' setting.
- 26 The camera should not be used in a very cold place.
- 27 A camera cloth cover costs extra.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

Bicycles: From Push to Pedal

A

Before they were equipped with pedals and a chain, what we refer to as a 'bicycle'



today used to be called a *Dandy Horse* or ‘Pushbike’. German inventor Karl Drais first assembled pushbikes in 1818. They had two wheels, both in-line, and were propelled by the rider pushing along the ground with his feet to rotate the wheels. The front wheel had a handlebar attached that the rider gripped to control the direction. They were speedier than walking and were considered a fast mode of transportation at the time. Unlike today, these first generation bicycles were owned only by the wealthy.

B

In 1821 an English inventor, Louis Gompertz, added a hand-driven *ratchet mechanism*, to the front of the bicycle wheel that permitted motion in one direction and created more speed out of every up and down push of the feet. Another significant change to the bicycle occurred in 1839 when Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick MacMillan invented a special part for bicycles known as a mechanical *crank*. The *crank* was a kind of lever that allowed more force and speed to both front and rear wheels. Six years later in 1845, another English inventor, R. W. Thompson, developed a special kind of pneumatic (air-containing) tyre. When wrapped around the iron-made wheels of the bike, this tyre made the ride much smoother.

C

A revolutionary change took place in 1850 when Frenchmen Pierre Michaux refined the design of bicycles in such a way that no longer required the rider to push down toward the ground in order to rotate the wheels. He redesigned it by making the front wheel exceptionally large and then placed a seat on top of it. Michaux added pedals to the large front wheel and kept the diminutive rear wheel to help with balance. This addition meant that rather than the operator having to push along the ground as though walking or running, the bicycle could cover longer distances much faster. Up to that point, the design of Michaux’s bicycle most closely resembled the modern bicycles of today. However, these primitive bicycles, known as *Boneshakers* or *penny-farthings*, were extremely difficult to ride due to their high-seats and the need for expert balancing skills. In 1885, John Kemp Starley, a British inventor and industrialist, solved most of the problems of the *Boneshakers* by introducing a *chain drive* – a device that connected the pedals with the rear wheel. He also redesigned the frame of the bicycle and reduced the front wheel diameter ensuring more stability and enabling people with only average balancing skills to ride them. Starley’s *Rover Safety Bicycle* was warmly welcomed by the masses and was exported to many countries. Many historians define Starley’s *Rover* as the first modern bicycle.

D

The next big step forward for the bicycle was the development of an efficient braking mechanism. Prior to the advent of brakes, riders had to use their feet to reduce their speed. However, in 1898 hand-operated cable-pull brakes attached to the handlebars were first introduced by a German inventor, Achim Conrad. During

the beginning of 19th century *derailleur* gears were invented. They contained a chain and multiple sprockets¹ that could create more speed out of every rotation of the pedals. Gradually, the technology used in making and setting the chain improved. Chains made of stronger metal with small sprockets were introduced as part of the bicycle wheel, which made it easier for the rider to pedal without losing speed. Another important change was in the weight of bicycles. The configuration of two same sized wheels with rubber tyres and the body of the bicycle made of hollow rods rather than solid metal, considerably reduced the weight and enabled riders to have more control. These design changes also helped to reduce the risk of injury caused by a heavy bicycle.

E

It was not until the 1930s that bicycles became a popular form of transportation for the working class. This was due to dramatic improvements in the production process of bicycles, which, in turn, led to a fall in their price. The supply of bicycles increased in the market as a lot of manufacturing businesses and individual entrepreneurs started making and selling bicycles in large quantities. The widespread use of the bicycle during that time inspired several manufacturers like *Mead*, *Sears Roebuck*, and *Montgomery Ward* to design bicycles for children who were a new and unexplored segment of the bicycle user market. The design of these bicycles incorporated unique design elements such as bent handlebars for easier manoeuvrability, carriers above the rear wheel for school bags and even a pair of small safety wheels on both sides of the rear wheel for children learning to ride for the first time.

F

Considered by many to be the most significant innovation in the history of the bicycle after the invention of the *Boneshaker* almost 100 year earlier, *running gear* was invented by engineer Glenn Wright in the 1950s. This *running gear* featured quick-release wheels, *derailleur* gears and cable-operated brakes. During the 1960s, manufacturers started using aluminium alloy in wheel rims, handlebars and seat posts that made the bicycles even lighter and also more visually appealing. These aluminium alloys helped prevent the body of the bicycles from rusting which also made them last longer.

G

Since the 1980's the technological improvements in bicycle manufacturing have reached a new peak. New materials such as titanium and carbon fibre have become widespread. The separate brake and gear systems in bicycles have become one, combined system. New accessories such as front and back lights, drink carriages, tyre pumps and non-slip handlebar covers have become standard parts of most bicycles. In the late 1980s, mountain bikes were formally introduced to the market. These bikes became the focus of a new and adventurous sport, where bikers raced through rugged terrain. For reasons of being environmentally friendly,

user-friendly and widely available throughout the world, bicycles will continue to grow in popularity well into the future.

¹ a device like a wheel with one or more rows of tooth-like parts sticking out which keep a chain moving on a bicycle

Questions 28-33

Look at the following statements 28-33 and the list of people below A-H.

Match each statement with the person it refers to.

Write your answers A-H in boxes 28-33 on your answer sheet

- 28** This person encouraged the use of hands rather than feet to stop.
- 29** This person built expensive bikes.
- 30** This person's invention reached many parts of the world.
- 31** This person's design involved wheels of different sizes.
- 32** This person's invention made riding more comfortable for the user.
- 33** This person combined other people's inventions with his own.

List of People

- | | |
|----------|-----------------------|
| | Kirkpatrick MacMillan |
| A | Karl Drais |
| B | John Kemp Starley |
| C | Louis Gompertz |
| D | Pierre Michaux |
| E | Glenn Wright |
| F | Achim Conrad |
| G | R. W. Thompson |
| H | |

Questions 34-40

Do the following information agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 34-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts with the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information in this*

3 MacMillan's mechanical *crank* divided pedal force equally between the front and rear
4 wheels.

3 Michaux's bicycle looked like today's bicycles.
5

3 Starley's changes to the *boneshaker* involved making the front wheel smaller.
6

3 The sprockets in the derailleur made the bike go faster.
7

3 The use of hollow rods made bicycles easier to ride.
8

3 Running gear was invented around 100 years prior to the *boneshaker*.
9

4 It is expected that the bicycles of the future will be even more environmentally
0 friendly.

Practice Reading Test 5

ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 5, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	personalised	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that the plates are unique gifts as they are <u>personalised</u>.
2	50 words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that the message should not be <u>more than 50 words</u> in total.

3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that there are <u>12 sample designs</u> to choose from.
4	brochure OR attached brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the sample designs can be found in the <u>brochure attached</u>.
5	order size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>order size</u> can attract a discount.
6	Urgent Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that for a <u>fast (i.e. quick) delivery the Urgent Form</u> needs to be filled in.
7	call OR call 122523	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that customers can <u>call as an alternative to filling in the feedback form</u>.
8	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting paid for the loss is <u>receiving compensation</u>. Advertisement C mentions about compensation due to the damage of accident.
9	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is all about <u>sending money from one country to another</u>.
10	K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an advertisement for a <u>gift shop from where one can buy gifts</u>.
11	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is about <u>cooking classes where people can learn cooking practically</u>.
12	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This advertisement is for people who want to buy

		video camera, which is the <u>equipment to do video</u> .
13	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This advertisement is for people who are <u>planning a holiday</u>(i.e. some leisure time) to another country (i.e. overseas).
14	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This advertisement is about <u>accommodation where people can stay</u>.

Reading Lab 5, Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judith Clemons looks after the <u>visitor accommodation</u> services at the island, which means Judith is responsible to ensure guest housing is acceptable.
16	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that this person <u>also works for</u> a Music Recording company owned by a businessman. This person has <u>two employers</u>– the Trip company and the Music Recording company.
17	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beryl Dickson states that he was doing research job which was <u>too theoretical and that was why he started looking for other employment</u>.
18	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diana Ford is the receptionist and she also answers the phone calls. It is mentioned in her text, 'I am the <u>initial point of contact</u> when it comes to visiting our

		establishment’.
19	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Rita Martin <u>usually works in the city office</u>, which means that the island is not her primary place of employment.
20	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judith Clemons says, ‘<u>the natural beauty of the island so impressed me</u> that I decided I had to get a job here’. This means that Judith was motivated by the <u>beautiful environment of the island to apply and get a job there</u>.
21	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During holidays, Lesley Albertson enjoys driving around the island, which means she <u>enjoys spending holiday time on Paradise Island</u>.
22	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One instruction guide is the ‘<u>Rapid Guide</u>’ and the other is ‘<u>Extra User Guide</u>’.
23	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that to prevent <u>leaking</u> (which means to protect the camera) batteries are not installed.
24	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that Lithium batteries will last for 24 hours continuously. Whether Lithium batteries are recommended or not is <u>not given</u>.
25	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘A’ image setting is <u>4 x 6 inch</u> and ‘C’ image setting is <u>10 x 12 inch</u>. It is mentioned in the note that a larger image size setting will require <u>more memory</u>. As ‘C’ image setting is larger than ‘A’ image setting, ‘C’ will require more memory.
26	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature-related information is provided in regard to the <u>storage of the camera</u>. Whether or not the camera

		should be <u>used</u> in a very cold place is not given.
27	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the cloth cover is a <u>standard inclusion</u>, which means it <u>does not cost extra</u>.

Reading Lab 5, Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest. Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in section D that prior to Achim Conrad's hand-operated cable-pull brake system, people had to use their feet to stop.
29	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A states that the bikes built by <u>Karl Drais</u> were owned only by wealthy people – they were obviously expensive.
30	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in section C that <u>John Kemp Starley's</u> invention was <u>exported to many other countries</u> (i.e. to other parts of the world).
31	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that Pierre Michaux's bike had an 'exceptionally large front wheel' and a 'diminutive (i.e. small) rear wheel'.
32	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in section B that a pneumatic (air-containing) tyre was invented by <u>R. W. Thompson</u> that made the ride <u>much smoother</u> (i.e. more comfortable for the user).
33	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in section F that Glen Wright's invention of 'running gear' featured <u>derailleur gears and cable-operated</u>

		<u>brakes</u> – both of these had been previously invented.
34	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <i>crank</i> transmitted force to <u>both</u> the wheels. Whether the force was <u>equally</u> divided to the wheels or not is <u>not given</u>.
35	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that Michaux's bicycle 'most closely resembled (i.e. looked like) the modern bicycles of today'.
36	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that Starley, 'reduced the front wheel diameter', which means he made the front wheel smaller.
37	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that the derailleur contained, 'multiple sprockets that could create more speed' (i.e. make the bike go faster).
38	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that the 'hollow rods...enabled riders to have more control' (i.e. made bikes easier to ride).
39	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <i>Boneshaker</i> was invented almost 100 years <u>earlier</u> than running gear - not the other way around!
40	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that in the present, bicycles are environmentally friendly but whether or not they will be 'even more environmentally friendly' in the future is <u>not given</u>.

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SECTION 1


Questions 1 - 14

Read the text and answer Questions 1-7.



Welcome to Australia

Information for Tourists



Welcome to the land of widespread natural beauty and warm, friendly people – Australia!

Visas and Customs

A current, valid passport and a valid tourist visa will allow you to enter Australia as a tourist. Tourist visas can be obtained from any of the Australian High Commission offices overseas. Visa requirements do not apply to New Zealand passport holders, they are granted entry on arrival.

Upon arrival, Customs Officers will check travel documents and Customs Declaration Forms. Remember that unless you declare everything, it is too late to tell the Customs Officer at the airport - if in doubt, write it down. Generally, no duty is payable for goods brought from overseas for personal use or goods purchased from duty-free shops at airports however, duty-free items over \$400 AUD will be subject to duty.

Quarantine Guidelines

Visitors are required to surrender all fruit and vegetables as well as items made from rawhide, such as drums. Any treated skins, furs or feathers must be handed over to customs upon entering Australia. Australian customs agents carefully monitor the importing and exporting of wildlife. If found, customs officers will seize all such items – penalties range from monetary fines and/or possible imprisonment. If you have unintentionally carried any fresh food or meat products in your hand luggage, deposit them in the specially marked bins located in the walkway before you reach the immigration check point.

Vaccination and Medicine

Visitors bringing medicines into Australia must complete a Medicine

Export Declaration. If a Customs Officer is not satisfied that medicine(s) are for the personal use of the traveller or the personal use of a person travelling with them, the medicine may be confiscated. Vaccination is not required for visitors on a tourist visa unless coming from certain areas in which yellow fever is predominant.

Accommodation

Apartments and hostels are available mostly in major cities. Campsites and resorts are also common places to stay. Prices and features vary significantly among accommodation choices. Travellers coming to Australia should check different accommodation websites for more details and assistance with bookings.

Travel advice:

- Do not leave your passport in your travel bag or in your hotel room, carry it with you.
- Save money by shopping at duty-free shops.
- Carry traveller's cheques instead of cash.
- If you want to save on transportation, use buses rather than taxis.
- If you visit the Australian beaches, make sure you swim between the flags.

Questions 1 – 7

Complete the sentences below with words taken from the passage.

*Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

- 1 People entering Australia from New Zealand do not need a
- 2 No duty is paid on items bought for
- 3 People who bring into Australia may go to jail.

- 4 Fruit that is accidentally brought into Australia must be placed in the
- 5 Medicine brought into Australia must be only for
- 6 Vaccination is not required for visitors – unless they come from a country known to have yellow fever.
- 7 Housing help for travellers is available on

Read the text below and answer Questions 8-14.



Hobart Metropolitan Bus Service

Introducing Adva-Ticks: Saves you time, saves you money!

Hobart Metropolitan Bus Service introduces new Adva-Ticks. Now no tickets are sold on the bus! All tickets are purchased in advance from over 500 outlets and automated note and coin-operated ticket machines at bus stops throughout Hobart.

T12

T12 is a prepaid ticket good for 12 rides within the Hobart Metropolitan area Zone 1. T12 saves commuters 20% compared with buying 12 tickets separately. T12 prepaid tickets have no expiry date. Tickets can be used for another travelling companion – simply validate the ticket twice.

Pass Card Red

Pass Card Red allows for unlimited bus travel for seven consecutive days within Zone 1. It saves you 25%. Ideal for people travelling to and from work on weekdays. Once validated, Pass Card Red expires in 7 days regardless of the amount of travel done.

Pass Card Green

Holders of a Pass Card Green enjoy unlimited travel for 7 consecutive days within Zone 1 and Zone 2. Fares for ferry travel are also included. Pass Card Green is valid for 7 consecutive days and represents a 25% saving compared with purchasing 7 unlimited full day Zone 1 and Zone 2 tickets. *Excursion Hobart Bus Services*, a private sight-seeing bus tour company, accepts Pass Card Green for

day trips.

Day Tripper

Day Tripper tickets can be purchased in two ways: Zone 1 or Zone 1 + 2. Zone 1 tickets allow holders unlimited bus trips within Zone 1 for a whole day – from 5.30am to 2.00am. Zone 1 + 2 allows holders unlimited bus trips in both zones. Ferry fares are also included.

Monthly

Monthly tickets are available only for Zone 1 bus trips and can be home delivered if purchased online via credit card. Unlimited travel for a month – once activated, the ticket remains valid for 30 days with an unlimited number of trips within Zone 1. A Zone 2 ticket must be purchased separately if inter-zone travel is required. A Monthly ticket saves commuters 30% compared with purchasing 30 individual Day Tripper tickets. Connecting ferry fares are not included.

Refunds

Except for *Day Tripper Zone 1*, all unused tickets are refundable. Simply visit our ticket counter and speak with one of our friendly service staff

Customer service and feedback

For further information call Hobart Bus Trip-line on 12 25 23 between 5.00am and 11.00pm, Mon-Fri. For a list of ticket selling outlets call 12 25 24 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. Written correspondence should be sent to: P.O. BOX 9547, Hobart.

<i>Tickets</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Regular Cost</i>	<i>Savings</i>	<i>Pensioner/ Student cardholder</i>	
T12	Zone 1	\$30	20%	\$15	Ideal if you make many short trips within
Pass Card Red	Zone 1	\$40	25%	\$22	Ideal if your weekly travel is frequent and limited to Zone 1.
Pass Card Red	Zone 1 & 2	\$60	25%	\$32	Ideal if you frequently travel in both Zones 1 and 2 each week.
Day Tripper	Zone 1	\$6	-	\$6	Ideal if you need to travel many

Zone 1					times in a single day within Zone 1.
Day Tripper Zone 1 + 2	Zone 1 & 2	\$12	-	\$6	Ideal if you need to travel many times in a single day within Zone 1 and 2.
Monthly	Zone 1	\$150	30%	\$110	Ideal if you need to travel many times a day within Zone 1 over a month.

Questions 8 – 14

Choose the correct ticket for descriptions **8-14** from the list of tickets below.

Write the correct letter **A-F** in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.

NB: You may use any letter more than once.

Types of tickets

A T12

B Pass Card Red

C Pass Card Green

D Day Tripper Zone 1

E Day Tripper Zone 1 + 2

F Monthly

- 8 May be used at any time in the future.
- 9 Use covers two zones and is limited to a single day with no limit on trips.
- 10 Recommended for working people.
- 11 It is possible to pay the fare price for a friend without buying a separate ticket.
- 12 No refund is given if returned.
- 13 Does not offer any discount.
- 14 Offers an alternative payment option.

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the text below and answer questions 15-20

N-JOY DVD PLAYER

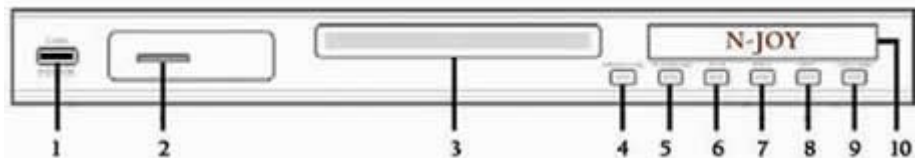
User's Manual

Thank you for purchasing an N-JOY DVD Player. Before you install and operate the DVD player, please read this instruction manual carefully as it provides information about features as well as important tips for successful operation. Keep this manual handy for future reference.

Important Notice: Safety Instruction

To prevent the risk of fire and/or electric shock, never expose this unit to water or moisture. Only qualified technicians should open the casing.

Features and operations



1. Power Button: To turn the machine on, plug it into a 120V source and press the red power button. The green indicator light will illuminate. To switch the power off, press the button again and the green light will turn off.

2. Graphic Equaliser: This Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) shows the audio levels of the player. The unit comes with 10 preset audio level options and custom settings can be set by adjusting bass and treble.

3. Disc Tray: The Disc Tray operates automatically. Do not use force to open the tray, this can cause the unit to malfunction. Insert the disc into the tray with the label facing up.

4. Disc Tray Switch: Gently press this switch to open or close the disc tray. If a disc is playing, the red light will illuminate.

5. Play/Pause Button: Some discs are configured to auto-play (they will start playing automatically once the disc is inserted). For all other types of discs, manually press this button to start playing.

6. Previous Track Button: Press this button to go to a previous track (such as when playing a music DVD) or to rewind while watching a movie on DVD. Pressing this button continuously for 5 seconds will return the user to the beginning of the disc.

7. Next Button: This button takes the user to the next track and also enables the user to fast-forward a movie. This dual function button also cleans the DVD head when pressed for 10 seconds continuously.

8-9. Record Buttons: N-JOY DVD players allow you to burn new DVD music tracks and movies. You can record in high quality mode for up to 3 hours or 6 hours in standard mode.

10. Operation Display Window: This window shows what the player

is doing. By default, it shows the track title and number (for music) and title and time-frame (for movies). The volume level, equaliser settings and date/time can also be displayed but must be set manually.

N-JOY Info-line

For technical help or for further information regarding the device call the N-JOY Infoline on 21 25 23 weekdays during business hours. For more information about repairs, please refer to our enclosed after-sales service brochure.

Questions 15 - 20

Does the following information agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE

if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE

if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN

if there is no information on this

- 15** The DVD player should be operated in a well ventilated area.
- 16** When the machine is on, a red light shines.
- 17** Audio levels can be manually changed.
- 18** The play/pause button is needed for auto-play DVDs.
- 19** To record in high quality mode a user should press button 8.
- 20** Customers wanting to return the DVD player should call the helpline.

Read the information below and answer Questions 21-27.



Caulfield Public Library



General information

The Caulfield Public Library is governed by the City Council of Caulfield under the Public Facility Act, 1965. Both members and non-members are welcome to use our library with membership entitling users to additional facilities.

Becoming a member

Any person over 18 is eligible to become a Full Member by filling in the membership form available at the information counter of the library. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from our webpage. With the membership application we require a valid identity card (driver's license or student ID) and a payment of \$50. Persons 12 to 18 years of age can apply for Minor Member status* provided their parent(s) are Full Members.

**Minor Members enjoy all the benefits of full membership. Minor Members must use a parent or guardian's contact details.*

Our services and facilities for members and non-members include...

Over 25,000 books for borrowing

Members may borrow 3 books at a time for a maximum of 3 weeks. Renewal is possible for members alone if the book is not 'on hold'. Non-members may borrow a maximum of 2 books per fortnight.

5,000 audio-visual materials including CD/DVD

Except for children's CDs and DVDs, no other audio-visual material can be taken from the library. Members enjoy the benefit of using CDs/DVDs on high-speed computers at no cost. Non-members pay \$2/hour. 350 audio cassettes are also available in a variety of titles.

10,000 journals

We have a collection of many leading journals, with a focus on English literature and economics. Journals are not stored electronically.

Newspapers/Magazines

The Current Affairs section at the north end of the library has 5 leading national newspapers and 5 regional newspapers and magazines. Newspapers and magazines may not be borrowed however, pages may be scanned or photocopied for a nominal fee.

Note: *The original newspaper and magazine issues are available for one calendar year. Earlier issues can be accessed by filling in an*

'Archive Request Form'. Make sure you include the publication and issue number/date. Generally, we do not hold publications for more than 5 years.

Computers and internet use

The generous donations from the Caulfield Business Park proprietors enable all library patrons free computer and internet access on any of our ten library computers. Our 10 computers all have broadband internet access and are available for use during normal business hours. Downloading is not allowed for members or non-members as it slows down internet access speed. There is no time limitation on internet usage however, users are requested to consider others who may be waiting.

Photocopy service

Operates during regular library hours. Open to members and non-members. Photocopies are charged at: 1-20 (30c per page) 21+ (20c per page). We offer a members-only service for large photocopy orders (500+ pages) at a special rate. Orders must be placed at the Information Desk with payment required in advance. Allow three business days for a completed job.

OPENING HOURS

Monday – Wednesday
8.00AM – 5.00PM

Thursday – Saturday
8.00AM – 9.00PM

Sunday
11.00AM – 3.00PM

Online Services

Books can now be searched online via our website. Members are provided with a password that allows them to place a 'borrowing request' on the books they require. If a book is not available, once returned, a hold is placed on it for the member and a notification email is sent to the requestor. ***Note: Online holds last for 24 hours. If book(s) are not collected with 24 hours, the hold is cancelled.***

Questions 21 - 27

Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D.

Write your answers in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

21

The Caulfield library

- A** promotes learning to read programs.
- B** began in 1965.
- C** can be used by all people.
- D** is the only private library in Caulfield.

22 Full Members must

- A** go to the library front counter.
- B** be at least 18 years old.
- C** download a membership form from the library website.
- D** pay \$50.

23 Members and non-members can

- A** borrow 3 books at a time.

- B** borrow books for 3 weeks.
- C** renew books not 'on hold'.
- D** each borrow library books.

24 Audio-visual materials

- A** can be used by both members and non-members.
- B** do not include children's CDs and DVDs.
- C** may be borrowed with journals.
- D** are only available in CD and DVD format.

25 Newspapers and Magazines

- A** over 2 years old may be borrowed.
- B** over 5 years old are not usually in the library.
- C** require an 'Archive Request Form' for borrowing.

D can be found in the current library section.

26 Computers at the library

A do not download material.

B have faster internet access for members.

C do not have an internet access limit.

D are available to those who make a donation.

27 The Caulfield library

A holds requested books for both members and non-members.

B takes 3 days to complete a photocopy job.

C enables books to be reserved via the Internet.

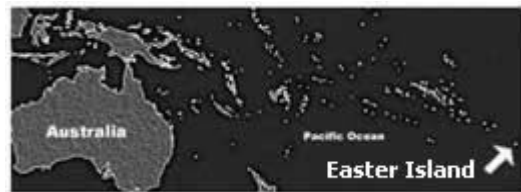
D charges either 30c or 20c per photocopied page.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40

Easter Island: Ecological problem



A

Easter Island, a small hilly island that originated from a volcanic eruption several thousands of years ago is perhaps one of the world's most remarkable, yet least visited, archaeological sites. Situated in the Pacific Ocean, 27 degrees south of the equator and around 3,600 km from the coast of Chile, Easter Island is considered by ecologists to be the world's most remote island. Dutch sea captain, Jacob Roggeveen, was the first European to visit the island in 1722 on a date known as 'Easter Sunday', hence its well-known name.

B

Research conducted by a group of ecologists - under the supervision of the World Forum for Ecology - suggests that the first human settlers inhabited an island rich in natural flora and fauna. The weather at the time of first settlement was mild and the soil fertile enough for ploughing with ample water for irrigation. Ecologists also found evidence of the existence of some rare native coral and coastal plants unique to the island. Such beauty, plant and animal abundance is not the case today.

C

Visitors to Easter Island today could be forgiven for thinking that it is basically 'nothing but abandoned land'. At present, Easter Island has no flora or fauna, the soil has lost its fertility and all the springs in the island have dried up. Researchers believe the epidemic started some 600 years ago. Over the years, the ecology of the island has all but been destroyed - a matter of acute concern among researchers in the field of ecology and the environment. Organisations such as the United Nations, the World Meteorological Organisation and the International Association for Landscape Ecology continue to set aside funds and human resources to explore what happened on Easter Island. Two main objectives underpin the research - to restore some of Easter Island's former beauty and to try and determine how such devastation could have happened.

D

Researchers from around the world have proposed different theories that attempt to explain the reasons behind such an environmental disaster. Presently however, researchers and ecologists remain divided about being able to come up with any concrete explanations – Easter Island remains a mystery. One thing that has been

agreed upon by all parties is that something happened almost 600 years ago on the island that disturbed the ecological system and destroyed almost 90% of the island's population.

E

One group of researchers, mainly environmental scientists, suggest that the deforestation of Easter Island was, in fact, an accumulated outcome of environmentally harmful activities that the inhabitants of the island started doing soon after settling there. The famous large statues found throughout the island are made of wood which would have required large numbers of trees to be cut down in order to make them. According to the researchers, the islanders degraded the topsoil and destroyed the plants which caused the animal life on the island to die off. The net result of all this activity led to famine and other disasters which, in turn, destroyed all life on the island a phenomenon which ecologists have termed *ecocide*.

F

Another group of researchers from the field of anthropology and ecology argue that before the disaster, Easter Island had a well-organised society that had excellent native technology and a hierarchical social system that always acted in the best interests of the environment. This group of researchers believe that the culture and environment of Easter Island was destroyed not by its inhabitants, but by the slave-traders, whalers and settlers who had arrived there from other countries. They feel that slave-traders from other parts of the world, predominantly Europe, forced the islanders to become slaves. They put the uneducated islanders on to ships to transport them to other countries where they were sold as slaves. When the islanders began refusing to leave the island, the slave-traders set about making it uninhabitable. They did environmentally harmful things so that the natives were left with no other option than to leave or remain and die – a phenomenon known as *genocide*.

G

There is yet another group of researchers from the field of history and anthropology who do not agree with any of these hypotheses. Rather, they state that an Act of God was the reason behind the fall of the island. Based on their studies of the Pacific Ocean, they have concluded that there was a *little ice-age*, which was not as severe as the prehistoric ice-age. This *little ice-age* occurred somewhere between 1300BC to 900BC and spoiled the ability of the island soil to grow plants and trees. As a result, the ecological system broke down causing all life to gradually die off.

H

Today's scientists are conducting more advanced tests including DNA¹ testing from human bones and fossils found in the island which, they hope, will provide some concrete evidence as to the origins of Easter Island and the reasons for its demise.

¹ Refers to 'deoxyribonucleic acid' that carries genetic information in cells of human beings, animals and plants.

Questions 28-34

The article has eight sections labelled A-H.

For which paragraph is each of the following headings (Questions 28-34) most suitable?

*Write the correct letter, **B-H**, in boxes 28-34 on your answer sheet.*

- 28** Outsiders upset island's balance
- 29** Icons connected to downfall
- 30** Present day efforts to bring back the past
- 31** Extreme climate causes ruin
- 32** Modern science and anticipated outcomes
- 33** Former abundant natural resources
- 34** Agreement and disagreement among experts

Questions 35-40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 35-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 35 Ecologists believe Easter Island is the most isolated place in the world.
- 36 Before 1722 the island was not known as Easter Island.
- 37 The natural contents of the island can be found in nearby islands.
- 38 For the past 600 years there have been no trees on Easter Island.
- 39 European settlers brought slaves to Easter Island.
- 40 The *little ice-age* started in 1300 BC and ended in 900 BC.

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Reading Passage 1, Lab 6: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is specified that <u>visa</u> requirements do not apply to New Zealand passport holders, they are granted entry on arrival.
2	personal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that no duty is payable for goods brought from overseas <u>for personal use</u>.
3	wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Australian customs agents carefully monitor the importing and exporting of <u>wildlife</u>. If found, customs officers will seize all such items – penalties range from monetary fines and/or possible <u>imprisonment</u>.
4	specially marked bins OR marked bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that if visitors have unintentionally carried any fresh food, they should deposit it (i.e. their fruit) in the <u>specially marked bins</u>.
5	personal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that if a Customs Officer is not satisfied that medicine(s) are for the <u>personal use</u> of the traveller / traveller's companion, the medicine may be detained. This means that medicines are allowed only for <u>personal use</u>.
6	tourist visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that vaccination is not required for <u>visitors on a tourist visa</u> unless coming from

		certain areas in which yellow fever is predominant.
7	different accommodation websites OR accommodation websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that travellers coming to Australia should check <u>different accommodation websites</u> for more details and <u>assistance</u> (i.e. help) with bookings.
8	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that T12 has <u>no expiry date</u>, which means it can be used <u>at any time in the future</u>.
9	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that a <u>Day Tripper</u> (which is a single day ticket) <u>Zone 1 + 2</u> allows <u>unlimited</u> bus trips in <u>both zones</u>.
10	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that a Pass Card Red is ideal for people travelling to and from <u>work</u> on weekdays.
11	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to a T12 ticket, one can <u>pay for a companion</u> (i.e. friend) by validating the ticket twice.
12	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that except for <u>Day Tripper Zone 1</u>, all unused tickets are <u>refundable</u>.
13	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The table shows that the regular as well as discounted price for Day Tripper Zone 1 is \$6, which means there is <u>no discount</u>.
14	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that monthly tickets can be bought with a <u>credit card</u>, which is an <u>alternative</u>

		<u>payment option.</u>
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Reading Passage 2, Lab 6: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the DVD player should not be <u>exposed</u> to water or moisture. Whether or not it should be operated in well ventilated area is <u>not given</u>.
16	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that when the machine is on a <u>green light illuminates</u> (i.e. glows).
17	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that there is an option for <u>custom setting by adjusting</u> bass and treble, which means that the user needs to manually do this.
18	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is specified that auto-play DVDs start playing automatically. <u>For all other DVDs</u> (i.e. DVDs that are <u>not auto-play</u>) the user needs to press the Play/Pause button.
19	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Button 8 and 9</u> are for high quality recording. Whether or not exactly button 8 needs to be pressed for high quality mode is <u>not given</u>.
20	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage <u>does not mention</u> anything about returning the DVD player.
21	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that both members and non-members

		are welcome to use the library, which means that it can be used by <u>all people</u> .
22	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that Full Members must be OVER 18 years old and <u>pay \$50</u>.
23	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that both <u>members and non-members can borrow library books</u>. The number of books allowed for borrowing and timeframe for keeping the book(s) only varies between members and non-members. Non-members are not allowed to renew.
24	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>audio-visual materials can be used by both members and non-members</u>. For members it is free, for non-members there is a charge.
25	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the library <u>generally</u> (i.e. usually) does not hold publications for <u>more than 5 years</u>.
26	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that there is <u>no time limitation on internet usage</u> (i.e. access).
27	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states: <u>Members</u> are provided with a password that allows them to <u>place a 'borrowing request' on the books they require</u>. In other words, books can be reserved via the Internet.

Lab 6, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Numbe	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
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28	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section F states that the <u>settlers from other countries</u> (i.e. outsiders) undertook <u>environmentally harmful activities</u> to destroy the island's ecology so that it becomes uninhabitable.
29	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Section E it is specified that the <u>famous large statues (i.e. icons)</u> found throughout the island were made of wood which would have required <u>trees to be cut down</u>.
30	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section C that organisations <u>are putting efforts to restore</u> (i.e. to bring back) some of Easter Island's former beauties.
31	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section G mentions that the <u>little ice-age</u> (i.e. extreme weather) was the cause of the <u>disaster</u>.
32	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Section H it is mentioned that <u>advanced tests including DNA testing</u> are being undertaken to provide concrete evidence about Easter Island's demise.
33	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B mentions that <u>natural resources</u> were available on the island <u>in the past</u>.
34	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Section B it is mentioned that researchers are <u>divided (i.e. disagreement)</u> in their opinion regarding the reasons for the disaster. The Section also mentions that one thing has been <u>agreed upon</u> by all — that something negative happened 600 years ago.
35	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Easter Island is considered <u>by ecologists</u> to be the world's most <u>remote (i.e. isolated)</u>

		island (i.e. place).
36	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that sea captain Jacob Roggeveen visited the island in 1772 on an 'Easter Sunday' which is the <u>reason why the island's name is Easter Island</u>.
37	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that ecologists found evidence of the existence of some rare native coral and coastal plants <u>unique to the island</u>. This means that <u>these natural contents can not be found anywhere else</u>.
38	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <u>epidemic of the disaster started</u> some 600 years ago, but whether or not there have been no <u>trees for last 600 years</u> is <u>not given</u>.
39	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that European settlers <u>forced the islanders to become slaves</u>, however, we do not know if these slave traders brought any slaves to the island.
40	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the 'little ice-age' was <u>between 1300 BC and 900 BC</u>. Whether it <u>started in 1300 BC and finished in 900 BC</u> or not is <u>not given</u>.

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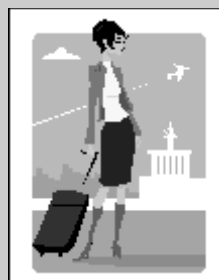
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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text and answer Questions 1-7.

Manchester International Airport: Check-In Information



Welcome to Manchester International Airport check-in service. Located on the first floor of the airport, the check-in counters process two categories of traveller. Our Domestic Passport Counters are for UK Passport holders and our Overseas Passport Counters process all non-UK resident travellers. The colour of the counter boards are green and blue respectively. To facilitate a smooth arrival, please make sure you report to the appropriate counter.

Check-in desks

All check-in desks open 2 hours before scheduled departures. No flight guarantees can be given to passengers that check-in within 15 minutes before scheduled flight departure. All passengers must have a valid airline ticket, passport and visa (if required) before reporting to a check-in counter. Please note that the check-in counters will not accept any written confirmation from airlines regarding flight changes unless the change has been endorsed on the ticket. Once processed, travellers are issued with a boarding pass showing aircraft number, scheduled departure time, boarding gate and seat number. Note: for special seating needs, please notify a crew member before your boarding pass is issued.

Luggage information

All items not being carried on to the plane must be deposited at the check-in counter. All luggage is subject to security checks that include X-ray scanning. Items sensitive to the X-ray process (camera film and some electronic devices) should be declared via the Luggage Declaration Form. These forms are available at the check-in counters or can be collected from airline ticket sales booths. The airport authority will take responsibility for the damage of any item of luggage due to the X-ray scanning process if a Luggage Declaration Form is completed. Once luggage has been deposited at the check-in counter, travellers receive a luggage card with a unique number and a barcode. Travellers should write their name, passport number, flight number and their destination address on the card. Baggage weight allowance varies depending upon flight class. For Economy Class, the maximum allowance is 20kg while for Business Class it is 30kg. Excess baggage will incur an extra cost.

Live animal transportation

An Animal Carriage form must be completed. Forms are available at the Office of the Customs Inspector (Suit 1044, North Block of the main airport building). The animal must be in a transport case that has proper ventilation and allows free movement of the animal. Adequate food considerations must also be made for the animal being transported.

Questions 1 – 7

Complete the sentences below with words taken from the passage.

*Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

- 1 Passengers who want to find check-in counters at the airport must go to the
- 2 Passengers without UK Passports should report to counters with boards.
- 3 Passengers who check in departure may not be able to fly.
- 4 Before receiving their, special needs travellers must talk with a crew member.
- 5 A is a kind of insurance against items affected by the security check process.
- 6 passengers with 30kgs of baggage will pay more.
- 7 An animal being transported must have enough, air and room to move.

Read the text and answer Questions 8-14.

Manchester City Council: Household Waste Management



This leaflet contains guidelines for every household within the Manchester City Council area regarding the disposal of household waste. We hope that all households will strive to implement our 7-phase Waste Management Strategy 2011-2015.



A

All houses are provided with three bins: Red, Yellow and Green.

Each bin has dimensions of 1 metre by $\frac{1}{4}$ metre by $\frac{1}{4}$ metre. Regular household waste such as food scraps, must be placed in the red bin.

Residents must put all their *recyclable* waste - paper, bottles and cans - into the yellow bin. The green bin is for *green* waste such as grass, plants or household garden waste.



B

City council waste trucks collect bins on Fridays between 6am and 4pm. Each truck will empty each of the three types of bins separately.

Bins should be placed outside homes, close to the front door or the driveway of the house before 6am.



Initially, all regular household waste is unloaded from the collection trucks and transported to the Eastern City Land Filling Project. Some of the rubbish collected is used as landfill. It is therefore very important that non bio-degradable items such as plastic bags and bottles are not placed inside green bins.



Containers with recyclable waste are stored inside a warehouse to sell to privately owned companies that specialise in the re-packaging and reuse of used products. Funds generated from the sale of these products are injected into the annual council budget.



Containers holding green waste are picked up by the logistics division of the State Fertiliser Department who transport the raw material to their fertiliser factory. There the green waste is converted into fertiliser. The council does not earn anything from this activity as the state-owned factory runs on government subsidies, providing fertiliser to the rural farmers at cost.



A quarterly survey is conducted with the assistance of an independent research firm to measure the proportion of all different waste types. The findings are forwarded to the Ministry of Environment. The ministry focuses on the status of non bio-degradable wastes, which may threaten the environment. The report aims to assist in controlling the flow of non bio-degradable items into the consumer marketplace.



At the end of each financial year the Council alters its plan and operational procedures to meet the changing needs created in waste management. A household survey is conducted annually with a sample size of 25,000 houses to compile household feedback on waste management services.

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Look at the seven phases (A-G) in the waste management strategy.

For which phase are the following statements true?

Write your answers A-G in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.

- 8 An activity that ensures waste management practices are current.
- 9 A way for the council to create income.
- 10 Different waste for different bins.
- 11 The place where all collected rubbish is first taken.
- 12 Where full bins should be deposited for emptying.
- 13 A study that is passed on to another government office.
- 14 Waste is transformed and used to help growth.

SECTION 2 ***Questions 15-27***

Read the text below and answer Questions 15-20.

Professional Training Institute for Migrants (PTIM) - General Information -

PTIM is a partially government-run training institute for skilled migrants. We focus on three key development areas for migrant professionals in the UK:

A. Getting professionals used to UK corporate culture

Corporate cultures vary from country to country and sometimes, professionals migrating to the UK can find it challenging to adjust to the new culture. The challenges migrants face are usually related to employee-employer relationships, employee rights and responsibilities and professional relationships with colleagues. PTIM will assist migrant professionals to understand corporate culture in the UK prior

to starting their professional life.

B. Offering industry-specific further training to meet UK industry standards

Sometimes prior qualifications and experience do not exactly match the requirements of UK employers. PTIM offers 32 short courses each targeted at specific industries – banking, insurance, accounting, law, management and marketing are some. To better enable migrants to prepare for the English standards required in UK industries, training is available in both written and spoken English.

C. Placing professionals in appropriate organisations

PTIM is well-connected with over 1,200 commercial organisations in a variety of industries. Although it is not guaranteed that the training at PTIM will lead to a job, it will help make finding a job much easier. PTIM organises a bi-annual job fair at its premises where our trainees can meet with employers and company representatives. These have proven to be very effective with around 30% of our trainees finding employment after the fair.

How to enrol

To enrol in any of our courses, book an appointment by calling 41 25 32 36 or visiting our website. Bring along to the initial interview your skilled migration visa along with all your previous educational and work-related documents. Provide us with as much detail as possible so we can determine what kind of training will be best for you. If you are offered a place in one of our courses, you will be notified within five business days and sent an enrolment form to complete.

Fees and facilities

All students enjoy a subsidised rate for training which varies from course to course. Our courses range in price from around £200 to £1200. Fees cover all training costs and use of our resource library, internet and audio-visual materials. A field trip to an organisation within your industry is also included.

Withdrawal

If you are allocated a course and want to withdraw, you need to do so at least 2 weeks prior to the commencement date in order to avoid a fine. Depending upon the cost of the course, a late withdrawal fine ranging from 10% to up to half the total fee may be charged – contact the registrar if you have any questions.

Questions 15-20

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passage on PTIM?

In boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE

if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE

if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN

if there is no information on this

- 15** PTIM is owned by the government.
- 16** Corporate cultures in the UK and other countries are quite similar.
- 17** All courses are conducted in English.
- 18** PTIM has relationships with many different businesses.
- 19** Migrant professionals pay a reduced price for all PTIM courses.
- 20** Withdrawing from a course one week before it starts may cost 50% of the course fee.

Read the information below and answer Questions 21-27.

**Food and Beverage Company Limited
(FBCL), Manchester**



Overseas Personal Recruitment Procedure

FBCL is a privately owned company that has operated in Manchester for 15 years. We specialise in the production of a range of food and drink items which we market under several brand names primarily in the Manchester area. FBCL follows a decentralised management practice and is an equal opportunity employer. A significant portion of our employee base consists of professional migrants. As the assessment procedures of overseas degrees and professional experience are different than our domestic staff, all applications from

migrant professionals go through a different recruitment process.

Positions vacant are always advertised in regional newspapers which include a full description of the job responsibilities and qualifications required. Our recruitment ads can also be found on our website. We collect all the applications sent to us within the stipulated deadlines.

We then sort the applications into two groups – applicants with UK-based education and qualifications and all other applicants. Two different recruitment teams within FBCL assess these groups of applications since the method used to evaluate and validate details for each group differ significantly.

UK-based applicants are evaluated and short-listed. We examine university degree details – degree(s) achieved, units studied and results awarded. Regarding professional records, we concentrate on previous positions and job responsibilities. In most cases we do a reference check with previous UK employers. Non-UK applicants are sent to a specialised independent recruitment company located in Manchester. The recruitment company is highly experienced in application evaluation with agent offices in over 120 countries. This ensures excellence in this phase of the selection process. At times, government databases are used in evaluations to ensure fixing of standards. Contact with international employers is occasionally made.

Once the applications from both groups have been reviewed and possible candidates selected, they are combined on one list. The next stage of the process involves applications being further reviewed and a short-list is created by the directors of the company. The candidates in this new short list have made the final round and are then called for a face-to-face interview with the personnel manager.

Applicants selected by the personnel manager to join the company need to undergo a basic physical check-up at a preferred medical centre in Manchester. All those selected are then sent for compulsory 2 week training at FBCL headquarters, which is located 25km west of the metropolitan city. A lump-sum payment is made for the session with living expenses also covered.

After successful completion of the training, candidates are placed in marketing, sales or office positions. A provisional period of 3 months applies to all positions after which appointments become permanent.

During the provisional period, benefits reserved for permanent employees are not included in the salary package, only a basic salary is paid.

Questions 21 - 27

Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D.

Write your answers in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

21

Recruitment procedures at FBCL are different for international professionals because

- A** most employees are from overseas.
- B** their jobs may require some retraining.
- C** formal qualifications and work tasks are different.
- D** recruitment is more decentralised.

22 Positions vacant

- A** include work responsibilities and pay scales.
- B** can be found in newspapers and online.
- C** list work experience requirements.
- D** are organised into two distinct groups.

23 UK-based applications

- A** are processed faster than non-UK applications.
- B** focus more on professional qualifications than work experience.
- C** are examined by several company departments.
- D** often lead to contact with past places of work.

24 The independent recruitment company

- A** is based in East Manchester.
- B** keeps the selection process standards high.
- C** contacts international employers on behalf of FBCL.
- D** has a close relationship with government departments.

25 The FBCL company directors

- A** reduce the number of applicants.

- B** are involved with short-list interviews.
- C** review short-listed candidates with the personnel manager.
- D** design questions for the final round interview.

26 The physical check-up

- A** is stricter for non-UK applicants.
- B** is the final stage in the interview process.
- C** is not difficult.
- D** is required for staff.

27 Applicants who successfully complete their training

- A** become permanent staff.
- B** are entitled to a financial benefit.
- C** are paid a wage.
- D** undertake three months of additional training.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40

Bushwalking



In the United Kingdom bushwalking is usually referred to as hiking – an activity that people do as a form of physical exercise rather than a form of outdoor enjoyment. In Australia, people bushwalk as a form of mental recreation and social interaction. In New Zealand, bushwalking or *tramping*, as it is called there, is seen more as a group trip for at least a couple of days where walkers stay overnight in different sites as a part of their journey. The Indian and Nepalese version of bushwalking is where participants enjoy *trekking* through forests and mountains.

Although tours by motorised vehicles have made it easy for people to satisfy their quest for exploration, the value and charm of bushwalking has remained unique as one of the most natural ways of exploring nature. Unlike vehicle tours, bushwalking creates no noise pollution so the environment is largely unspoiled.

In the early 1900s, the popularity of bushwalking as an adventure sport began to rise. The USA promoted it for the first time in an organised way by forming bushwalking clubs. A ‘hiking boom’ hit the USA in the 1930s as people joined bushwalking clubs by the thousands. These clubs brought together like-minded supporters of bushwalking and forged a strong connection with governmental authorities who developed and implemented infrastructure for bushwalking. As a consequence, by the end of 1950s, bushwalking trails in the USA were established countrywide which, over time, led to an increase in the number of bushwalking clubs countrywide.

In the 1950s, Australia had around 20 bushwalking societies but today the number stands at well over 200. In the UK, some private tour companies and bushwalking guilds, have designed guided bushwalking tours ranging from a single day to over 2 weeks. Canada invites adventurous tourists from around the globe to bushwalk through its vast Rocky Mountains. New Zealand’s South Island is considered by many to be more attractive than the North Island for three major geographical features - its vast forests of Podocarpus trees, Kahurangi Mountain and the Paparoa caves. In India, increasingly huge numbers trek the Dzungri-Goechala trail of Sikkim and the trails of the Himalayas. In Africa, the countries of Congo, Kenya,

Morocco, Uganda and Zambia are very popular for national and international bushwalkers.

The reasons people bushwalk vary – often it is not simply a journey to reach a destination but rather an open-ended journey where the experience along the way is more important than actually reaching the destination. Taking photographs of the flora and fauna and exploring the natural landscapes are popular activities also enjoyed while bushwalking. Sometimes it is not only for pleasure - zoology, botany, environmental science or forestry professionals sometimes bushwalk for research purposes.

There is a generally agreed etiquette among experienced bushwalkers which includes how they should treat the bush and how they should treat other fellow-walkers. The approach toward the bush known as ‘Minimum Impact Bushwalking (MIB)’ has been adopted in many countries and encourages bushwalkers to never harm the environment. The MIB motto is simply, ‘Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints’. The second piece of bushwalker etiquette relates to noise that may disturb other fellow bushwalkers. It is expected that bushwalkers keep noise to a minimum while walking and do not carry any items such as radios or other electronic equipment that can create continuous noise.

Although bushwalkers anticipate adventure and enjoyment, bushwalking can result in life-threatening situations if precautions are not taken. Some of the circumstances that pose the greatest threat include becoming lost, inclement weather; hazardous terrain which can result in internal injuries such as an ankle sprain¹; dehydration, exposure causing hypothermia and even sunburn are also among the perils bushwalkers may need to negotiate. To help bushwalkers, experts have developed a check-list, which is well known among bushwalkers as the ‘Ten Essentials of Bushwalking’ - map, compass, sunglasses, food & water, extra clothes, torch, first aid kit, fire starter, knife and, at least one other fellow bushwalker!

¹A painful wrenching of the ankle ligaments

Questions 28-30

*Look at the list of countries **A-H** below.*

*In which **THREE** countries there are associations for bushwalkers?*

*Write your answers **A-H in any order** in boxes **28-30** on your answer sheet.*

List of countries

- A Canada
- B Mexico
- C New Zealand
- D India
- E Nepal
- F Australia
- G USA
- H United Kingdom

Questions 31-36

Do the following information agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 31-36 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE

if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE

if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN

if there is no information on this

- 31 People in the UK bushwalk to keep fit.
- 32 The USA is the most popular bushwalking country in the world.

- 33 The Paparoa caves are in New Zealand's South Island.
34 Bushwalking in Canada can be dangerous.
35 Excessive cold and storms are major threats to bushwalkers.
36 According to experts, individuals should not bushwalk alone.

Questions 37-40

Answer the questions below.

*Chose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet.

- 37 Who follows a set of rules in the bush?
- 38 What does Minimum Impact Bushwalking encourage bushwalkers to protect?
- 39 What should bushwalkers keep at a low level?
- 40 What can cause internal wounds amongst bushwalkers?

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ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 7, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	first floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that the <u>check-in counters</u> are located on the <u>first floor</u> of the airport.
2	blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The text states that <u>non-UK passport holders</u> should report to the <u>blue</u> counter board.
3	15 minutes before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that no guarantees can be given to passengers that check-in <u>15 minutes</u> before flight departures.
4	boarding pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is stated in the text that 'for special seating needs, please notify a crew member before your <u>boarding pass</u> is issued'.
5	Luggage Declaration Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that items sensitive to an X-ray (which is a part of the security checking process) should be mentioned on the <u>Luggage Declaration form</u>. If filled in, the airport <u>will take responsibility for any damage</u> (this is a kind of insurance).
6	Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is stated that for <u>Economy Class</u> the maximum

	Class	allowance is 20kg. It is also stated that excess baggage will incur <u>an extra cost</u> , this means Economy Class passengers with 30kg baggage will <u>pay more</u> .
7	food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that 'adequate (i.e. enough) <u>food considerations</u> must also be made for the animal being transported'.
8	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase G mentions that at the end of each financial year the Council alters its plan and operational procedures to meet the <u>changing needs of waste management</u>, which means that <u>practices are current</u>.
9	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in phase D that the <u>council earns</u> money by selling the recyclable waste to privately owned companies.
10	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase A gives instruction regarding <u>different types of waste for different bins</u> – regular household waste in red bin, recyclable waste in yellow and green waste in green bin.
11	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase C mentions about the place where <u>all collected rubbish are first taken</u> – “<u>Initially</u>, all regular household waste is unloaded from the collection...”.
12	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase B mentions about <u>where to put the bins for emptying</u> - outside homes, close to the front door or the driveway of the house.
13	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase F states about a study that is <u>forwarded (i.e. passed on)</u> to the Ministry of Environment, which

		refers to a <u>government office</u> .
14	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in phase E that green waste is transformed into fertiliser, which is a nourishing ingredient for the <u>growth of the crops</u>.

Lab 7, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that PTIM is a partially government-<u>run</u> institute. Whether or not it is owned by the government <u>is not given</u>.
16	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage states that corporate cultures <u>vary</u> (i.e. not similar) from <u>country to country</u> and sometimes, professionals migrating to the UK can find it challenging to adjust to the <u>new</u> culture.
17	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that there are training courses for <u>various industries</u> and also there are courses on <u>English language</u>. Whether or not <u>all courses (i.e. industry specific courses too)</u> are conducted in English is not given.
18	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that PTIM is <u>well-connected</u> (i.e. has relationship) with over 1,200 <u>commercial</u> organisations (i.e. businesses) in a variety of industries.
19	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage states that migrant professionals are charged a <u>subsidised</u> rate (i.e. reduced price) for

		training.
20	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that a late if withdrawal is <u>not at least 2 weeks prior</u> then fine can be <u>up to half the total fee (i.e. 50% of the course fee)</u>.
21	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the assessment procedures of <u>overseas degrees and professional experience</u> (i.e. formal qualification and work task) are <u>different</u> than the domestic staff.
22	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that position vacant ads are placed in <u>newspapers</u> as well as on the <u>website</u> (i.e. online) of the company.
23	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that for UK based applicants <u>in most cases</u> the company does a reference check with <u>previous UK employers</u> (i.e. past places of work).
24	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that the recruitment company is <u>highly experienced in application evaluation</u> with agent offices in over 120 countries. <u>This ensures excellence</u> in this phase of the selection process. It also mention that at times government databases are used in evaluations to ensure <u>fixing of standards</u>. All of this keeps the selection process standards high.
25	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the directors of the company further review and <u>short-list</u> the candidates (i.e. the directors <u>reduce</u> the number of applicants).
26	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Applicants selected</u> by the personnel manager <u>to join the company (i.e. staff)</u> undergo a basic <u>physical check-up</u>.

27	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that after the training the candidates are paid a basic<u>salary</u> (i.e. wage).
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Lab 7, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28-30	(in any order) F G H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that in the USA the number of <u>bushwalking clubs (i.e. associations) continued to grow till date.</u> It is mentioned that in Australia there are now over <u>200 bushwalking societies (i.e. associations).</u> It is mentioned that in the UK <u>bushwalking guilds (i.e. associations) organise tours.</u>
31	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that in the UK bushwalking is seen as a form of <u>physical exercise</u> (i.e. people do it to keep fit).
32	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the USA pioneered bushwalking clubs and developed countrywide trails. But, <u>whether or not the USA is the most popular country for bushwalking is not given.</u>
33	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that New Zealand's <u>South Island</u> is more attractive for bushwalking because the <u>Paparoa caves are there.</u>
34	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage mentions about some dangerous

		consequences of bushwalking <u>in general</u> . <u>Whether or not bushwalking in Canada is dangerous is not given</u> .
35	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>inclement weather (i.e. stormy/cold weather)</u> as well as <u>hypothermia (a condition caused by excessive cold)</u> are threats.
36	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in the <u>check-list by bushwalking experts</u> that there should be <u>at least one fellow bushwalker</u>, which means <u>individuals should not bushwalk alone</u>.
37	experienced bushwalkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that there is a generally agreed <u>etiquette (i.e. rules governing acceptable behaviour)</u> among <u>experienced bushwalkers</u>.
38	the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that 'Minimum Impact Bushwalking (MIB)' encourages bushwalkers to never harm (i.e. to protect) <u>the environment</u>.
39	noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that bushwalkers should keep <u>noise to a minimum (i.e. low level of noise)</u> while walking.
40	hazardous terrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that <u>hazardous terrain</u> can result in <u>internal injuries (i.e. wounds)</u>.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text and answer Questions 1-8.

**Your Guide to Renting Accommodation
in Stonington**



This leaflet has been developed by the Stonington City Council to assist migrants and students who have arrived in Stonington and are looking to rent long-term accommodation.

The City of Stonington has 5 suburbs and in terms of accommodation, the suburbs vary significantly.

A Richmond

Richmond is the busiest and most expensive suburb in Stonington. Richmond Business Park hosts a total of 56 industries that employ approximately 5500 people which creates a steady demand for accommodation in this area. From 2 to 20 stories, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartment-style living is the most common type of accommodation in Richmond. Depending upon the number of bedrooms, rental prices range from \$1600 - \$2500 per month. Richmond is well-known for its cosmopolitan environment.

B Crane Hills

This suburb is located in the southern hills of Stonington. The suburb offers a brilliant outlook over the city. Accommodation is mostly duplex houses and bungalows. Rent ranges from \$2000 to \$3000 a month. The largest park in Stonington is located here, along with a golf course, jogging track and children's playground. The government has undertaken to expand the residential area through the western section of the hill and this development will be completed by next year. It is anticipated that the building of around 500 new houses will commence early in the new year.

C Blackburn

Although Blackburn is the smallest suburb in Stonington it has the most dwellings. A suburb of mostly independent houses, rental prices for 1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses range from \$1500 to \$2000 per month. Most homes are spacious with large backyards however, rental accommodation in the area is not readily available and what becomes available is quickly snapped up! Most tenants of rental homes commit to a minimum 3-year lease. There is one primary school, a train station and a shopping centre in the area.

D Malvern

Famous for its racecourse, Stonington's oldest suburb is Malvern.

Most of the houses in this suburb are renovated - rent for a two and three bedroom home runs at around \$800 and \$1200 respectively. Homes built in Malvern typically do not have any yards. Facilities include one supermarket, two shopping centres and the Stonington Community Hospital. At the moment, there is no school although the state government is reviewing a proposal to build one.

E Caulfield

Closest to the city centre and with most government department offices, is Caulfield. A variety of mixed accommodation options from apartments to houses are available in Caulfield. Caulfield does not have a train station, but its bus system is comprehensive. Caulfield is very much in a growth phase so a large portion of available accommodation is newly-completed and modern. A spacious 3 bedroom house will cost around \$1500 a month while a 3 bedroom apartment averages around \$1200 per month. Caulfield has 2 schools and 3 supermarkets, and accommodation in the suburb is typically good value for money.

Questions 1-8

Look at the five descriptions (A-E) of five suburbs in Stonington.

For which suburb are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter, A-E, in boxes 1-8 on your answer sheet.

NB: *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 1** This suburb is expecting new buildings in the near future.
- 2** This suburb is the most popular rental area in Stonington.
- 3** This suburb has mostly new places to live in.
- 4** This suburb offers great views.
- 5** This suburb offers a variety of different housing options.
- 6** The accommodation in this suburb has limited outdoor living areas.
- 7** This suburb is influenced by many different countries.
- 8** This suburb has the lowest level of housing availability.

Read the text and answer Questions 9-14.

- Service information and fees -

Blossom Child Care (BCC) is a privately owned child care centre which has been operating in five locations in Wales for the past 10 years. Our services cater for children aged from 1 to 6 years old. We have a range of child care service to suit the needs of working parents. As an associate member of the National Child Care Institute, all our employees are highly qualified.

We offer three levels of childcare:

I. Pre-Kindergarten

Children under two are in the Pre-Kindergarten group.

BCC's *Teddy*, *Kinda* and *Koala* rooms have been allocated for this age group where we accommodate 15 children per room. We provide special care and make sure that one of our highly qualified senior supervisors, in addition to three general staff, are always available in each room. Please ensure your child has at least 4 nappies and 2 additional sets of clothes everyday.

Food: In addition to cow's milk, if your child is on solid food, we provide a nutritional blend of fruits and vegetables. If your child is on formula, please inform us.

Toys: All Pre-Kindergarten rooms have toilet training toys which, along with other general toys, are always maintained at the strictest hygiene standards.

Fees: Our Pre-Kindergarten service fee is \$300 per week with a one-off registration fee of \$30. Fees are payable weekly.

II. Kindergarten

Children aged two to four are in the Kindergarten group. BCC has four allocated rooms for this group each accommodates 20 children. Two staff are on duty in each room and one senior supervisor is in charge of all four rooms.

Food: Children are provided with three full meals a day. All meals are cooked on the premises by a child food specialist and the menus are rotated so that your child gets the right nutritional balance. If your child is allergic to any food, please inform us by filling in the Food Allergy Form.

Toys: Our Kindergarten rooms are decorated with educational posters and are full of learning games and puzzles. We discourage children bringing their own toys from home as they

are often a source of contention and argument.

Fees: The Kindergarten service fee is \$250 per week with a one-off registration fee of \$40. Fees are payable weekly.

III. Post-Kindergarten

Children aged four to six are in the Post-Kindergarten group. We have two dedicated rooms for this group all decorated with artwork designed to stimulate learning. Each room accommodates 20 children and is serviced solely by one general staff member. BCC arranges one excursion session for this group every four weeks. The venues are generally parks, playgrounds, picnic-spots and the local zoo. As a legal requirement, parents must fill in an Excursion Declaration Form before each trip which authorises the Centre to take their children from the premises.

Food: Children in the Post-Kindergarten program get three meals a day – mostly meals with rice, vegetables and chicken. Please speak to your child's supervisor if you have any special dietary requirements.

Toys: There are four life-sized cartoon toys in each room along with a large variety of books.

Fees: The Post-Kindergarten service fee is \$200 per week with a one-off registration fee of \$40. Fees are payable weekly.

Questions 9-14

*Classify each of the descriptions 9-14 as belonging to either **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** below.*

Write your answers in boxes 9-14 on your answer sheet.

Groups

A Pre-Kindergarten

B Kindergarten

C Post-Kindergarten

D Does not belong to any group

- 9** A variety of prepared food is offered.
- 10** If needed, additional clothing is provided.
- 11** An outing is arranged once a month.
- 12** Children can see live animals.
- 13** A student report is included.
- 14** Any problems with diet should be dealt with in writing.

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the passage below and answer Questions 15-20.

THE ABC'S OF CV WRITING

Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) is one of the most important documents you will ever write. This summary of your academic and work history is an essential tool in your job search and commonly the first form of contact with a potential employer.

With so many people in the job market it is your responsibility to 'sell' yourself, so before you put pen to paper, it is worthwhile taking time to carefully think about your approach. To assist you in this process we have listed the most common advice for preparing your CV below:

- A** Your main goal is to demonstrate a match between your accomplishments and the position you are applying for. The job description will outline the qualifications and requisites for the position, so read it carefully.
- B** Update your CV each time you apply for a job, specifically tailoring it to each position.
- C** If you are applying for a position in another country, present your academic and work achievements in terms your future employer will understand and demonstrate your

familiarity with the culture and business practices, where possible.

- D** The format of your CV is always important. A clear, concise presentation will make your application stand out and be easier to read. A summary on page one, outlining your key strengths will draw attention to your best features. The use of bullet points in the formatting can not only contribute to brevity, but also increase the impact of your CV.
- E** Never send out a CV without a covering letter highlighting the areas of your CV that particularly relate to the job being advertised.
- F** In their enthusiasm for a particular position, some people may be tempted to exaggerate on their CVs. Employers are aware of this tendency and will check any claims you make concerning your experience, qualifications or remuneration levels. It pays to be truthful. If you are caught lying, your application will not be considered.
- G** Grammatical and spelling errors are unacceptable in a CV however, they are one of the most common problems. Your CV must have no mistakes and be attractively presented. A good strategy is to ask someone to check it for you before it is submitted to make sure it is error-free.
- H** If you have difficulty writing your CV and feel that it will detract from your job application, there are professional services that will assist you for a reasonable fee.

Questions 15-20

Complete each of the sentences below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet.

- 15** A CV is usually the initial made with a future boss.
- 16** Writing a CV requires a well considered

- 17 All must show a relationship with the desired position.
- 18 The requirements of a position are explained in the
- 19 In addition to a CV, applications must also include a
- 20 If CV writing is too challenging, consider help from

Read the text below and answer Questions 21-27.

WAITING AT JAKARTA MAHAL



When you finally hear the words ‘*Congratulations, you've been hired!*’ from the supervisor of the famous *Jakarta Mahal Indian Restaurant*, you might wonder ‘*Now what do I do?*’

On your first day you will be assigned to an experienced employee who will act as your adviser for the first week. Your mentor will also take you on a tour of the restaurant to familiarise you with the layout. Once you know where everything is and have met the staff, you will be advised of the daily routine. An important key to success is to memorise this and faithfully adhere to it.

Upon arrival at the restaurant, change into your uniform - ensure it is ironed and stain-free. Depending on the time of the day, you may be required to lay the tables and stock the service areas with supplies of coffee, tea, clean tableware and linen. Once those tasks are complete, familiarise yourself with the menu and any alterations made since you were last on duty. Pay particular attention to the daily specials and check the drinks menu and wine list. It may be necessary to consult with the head waiter about the dishes on offer so you can answer queries, which could include describing cooking methods and ingredients.

Be on hand to greet the patrons, answer their questions, and escort them to their table.

When everyone is seated and has a menu, take their drink orders and inform them of the specials of the day. Be prepared to make recommendations if requested to do so.

Take the meal orders when the guests indicate they are ready and check to see if additional

beverages are needed. When the meals are ready they should be served quickly and efficiently.

A hallmark of an excellent waiter is table maintenance. During the meal ensure that empty glasses, dirty dishes and unused cutlery are removed. Also, be alert for anyone looking around in need of assistance.

Be sure to check the bill before presenting it to the guests, making sure it is itemised and that the total and sales tax is correct. After you have collected payment and taken leave of your patrons, it is time to reset the table and begin again.

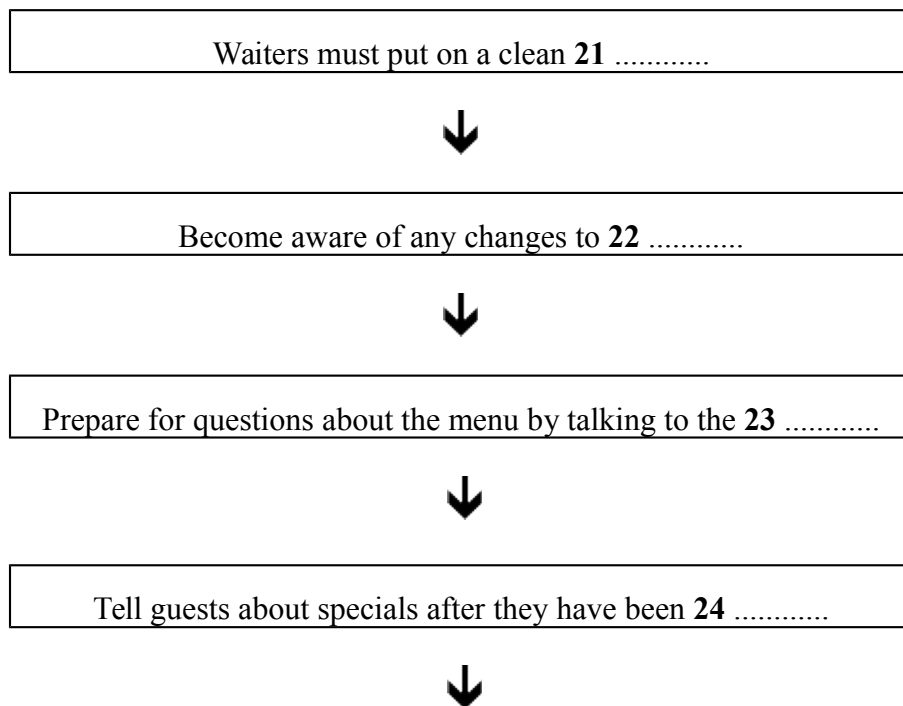
Questions 21-27

Complete the flow-chart below.

Choose ***NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS*** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

DAILY ACTIVITIES AT JAKARTA MAHAL



Once meal orders have been taken, inquire about **25**



Write all sales tax on **26**



After guests have left, **27**

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

New Impressions Bring Controversy

A

Many of history's pages reveal that renowned artists have often had to endure obstacles and criticisms before eventually rising to the heights of success in their careers. Nineteenth century artist Sir John Everett Millais is certainly one of them.

B

Born in 1829 in Southampton, England the youngest son of John William and Emily Mary Millais' two sons, John Everett showed extraordinary artistic talent from an early age. In time, the family moved to London and as residents, Everett's parents were determined to give young John an opportunity to develop his talent. A meeting with the president of the London Royal Academy of Art, Sir Martin Archer Shee, was arranged. It was not long before Sir Martin also saw the extraordinary natural artistic ability Everett possessed. As a result, in the summer of 1840 and at the age of 11, Everett became the youngest ever pupil to study art at the academy. His ability and age led to all his teachers affectionately referred to him as *The Child*. The extra attention shown to Everett eventually caused jealousy

among his fellow students. At the beginning of his studies Everett, a thinly-built boy, often found it difficult to cope with the bullying he encountered at the art academy. However, as time went by and his peers became increasingly aware of his artistic talent – even in the complex area of portrait painting – bullying gave way to awe.

C

Over the months and years Everett spent at the academy he began to concentrate on the theoretical aspects of art. His studies included reading the biographies of past great artists and almost all the books on art that the academy library had. Interestingly, the reading and studying of most of these books was not needed in order to pass his exams. Everett, out of his genuine curiosity and passion for art, spent most of his leisure time at the library. At the school's practical painting classes, he was well-known for going to considerable lengths to find the right elements needed for his painting - travelling long distances in search of the right natural scenes and paying large sums of money to hire models for his portrait painting. Over the course of his studies at the London Royal Academy of Art, he met two other like-minded artists - Holman Hunt and Gabriel Rossetti - who would later become his lifelong friends and key supporters of his artistic impressions.

D

In 1850, he held his first solo painting exhibition in London. It was a non-traditional exhibition in terms of style and pattern and proved to be controversial in terms of the subject matter displayed – the social class system. Everett displayed art on the topic of hierarchical or class distinctions between individuals and groups in English society. Although a small portion of art lovers praised his exhibition, he was strongly attacked by most of the art critics of the day. Some of his paintings on religious matters, which portrayed religion as something quite ordinary, made the conservative segment of the society angry.

E

Over the years, with the support of his two best friends Holman Hunt and Gabriel Rossetti, Everett started a movement which he named the *Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood* (PRB). The intention of his PRB movement was to reform art by rejecting the concept of the Renaissance¹ movement which, he believed, was a mechanical approach to art influenced by narrow academic teaching. Once the PRB movement was formally launched, attacks from art critics throughout England intensified. The PRB movement contradicted the views of almost all the other established artists in the country and led to John Ruskin, the foremost art critic of that time, formally meeting Everett with the intention of persuading him to cease the PRB. Everett did not agree to give up his ideologies so no agreement between the two was reached. However, the incident had a direct consequence on Everett's personal life. Effie, Ruskin's wife, met Everett and over a period of time started to develop an attraction to him. Eventually Effie divorced Ruskin and married Everett.

F

Art historians today believe that the marriage of Everett and Effie acted as a catalyst in turning public opinion in his favour and inspired him to devote greater effort to his PRB movement. In 1865, Everett finished a series of paintings based on his ideologies and in 1876 with such masterpieces as ‘Twins’, ‘The Marquis of Salisbury’ and ‘The Lady Campbell’ became the most successful portrait painter of the day.

G

In 1890, he was awarded the title of *Sir* and was made the president of the England Royal Art Academy. By that time, his works not only won the adoration of the masses in England but many other European countries as well. Unfortunately, shortly after being given the title of *Sir*, he fell ill and was wrongly diagnosed as having influenza. In 1894 it was discovered that he was actually suffering from cancer. During July 1896, his situation became very critical and the queen of England personally contacted his doctors offering her full support. Sir John Everett however, passed away on the 13th of August in 1896.

¹ A cultural movement from 14th to 17th century, which originated in Italy and was spread all over Europe.

Questions 28-35

The passage has seven paragraphs **A-G**.

Which paragraph contains the following information?

*Write the correct letter **A-G** in boxes 28-35 on your answer sheet.*

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 28** An event that led to a change in viewpoint.
- 29** A positive example of doing more than what was required.
- 30** An example of incorrect information being given.
- 31** A minority that showed appreciation.
- 32** An example of a positive change in human interaction.
- 33** A description of Everett’s physical appearance.

- 34 An example of an official organisational beginning.
- 35 An activity that was supposed to bring change.

Questions 36-40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 36 Everett's parents moved to London so he could study at the London Royal Academy.
- 37 In time, both his peers and teachers admired Everett.
- 38 As a youngster, Everett was interested in other artists.
- 39 Everett's first exhibition featured art about economic and social position.
- 40 Everett's plan for the PRB was to make art better.

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ANSWERS WITH SUGGESTIONS

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Lab 8, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that the building of around <u>500 new houses</u> will commence early in the <u>new year (i.e. near future)</u>.
2	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is stated that this suburb has the <u>most dwellings</u> and available rental places are <u>snapped up quickly</u>.
3	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The text states, "A large portion of available accommodation (in Caulfield) is <u>newly-completed and modern</u>". In other words, most of the accommodation is new.
4	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is mentioned that the suburb offers a <u>brilliant</u>

		<u>outlook</u> (i.e. great view) over the city.
5	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that a variety of <u>mixed (i.e. different kinds of)</u> accommodation options are available in Caulfield. –
6	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that homes built in Malvern typically do not have any <u>yards (i.e. outdoor living area)</u>.
7	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that Richmond is well-known for its <u>cosmopolitan (i.e. multinational) environment</u>.
8	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that rental accommodation in the area is <u>not readily available</u>.
9	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that all meals are <u>cooked on the premises</u> by a child food specialist and the menus are <u>rotated</u> (i.e. a variety of options are served/offered).
10	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional clothes are provided to <u>none of the groups</u>.
11	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that one <u>excursion (i.e. outing)</u> session for this group is arranged <u>every four weeks (i.e. once a month)</u>.
12	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that this group visits the <u>local zoo</u> (i.e. where live animals can be seen.)
13	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student report is <u>not included in any of the groups</u>.

14	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that if a child is allergic to any food, a <u>Food Allergy Form</u> should be <u>filled in</u>. Filling in a form <u>refers to writing</u>.
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Lab 8, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first paragraph states: "Your Curriculum Vitae (CV)... is commonly the first form of <u>contact</u> with a potential employer.."
16	approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states: "...so before you put pen to paper, it is worthwhile taking time to carefully think about your approach." This means before you start to write your CV, you need to consider how you will <u>approach</u> it.
17	accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A states: "Your main goal is to demonstrate a match between your <u>accomplishments</u> and the position you are applying for." A 'match' shows the relationship between accomplishments and what is required in the position.
18	job description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A states: "The <u>job description</u> will outline the qualifications and requisites for the position, so read it carefully."

19	covering letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E states: “Never send out a CV without a <u>covering letter</u> highlighting the main areas from your CV...”
20	professional services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section H states: “If you have difficulty writing your CV and feel that it will detract from your job application, there are <u>professional services</u> that will assist you for a reasonable fee.” Professional services can be used if CV writing is too challenging.
21	uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states: “...change into your <u>uniform</u> and ensure it is ironed and <i>stain-free</i>..” This means uniforms must look clean.
22	the menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states: “Once those tasks are complete, familiarise yourself with <u>the menu</u> and any alterations made since you were last on duty.” Staff must be aware of any alterations (changes) that occurred with the menu.
23	head waiter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states: “It may be necessary to consult with the <u>head waiter</u> about the dishes on offer so you can answer queries...” Queries are questions that may be asked by

		patrons (customers).
24	seated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth paragraph states, “When everyone is <u>seated</u> and has a menu, take their drink orders and inform them of the specials of the day.”
25	additional beverages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fifth paragraph states: “Take the meal orders when the guests indicate they are ready and check to see if <u>additional beverages</u> are needed.”
26	the bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states: “Be sure to check <u>the bill</u> before presenting it to the guests, making sure it is itemised and that the total and sales tax is correct.” This answer <u>must</u> have ‘the’ to be grammatically correct!
27	begin again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states, “After you have collected payment and taken leave of your patrons, it is time to reset the table and <u>begin again</u>.”

Lab 8, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in section F that marriage of Everett and Effie acted as a <u>catalyst in turning public opinion</u> (i.e. change in viewpoint) in his favour.
29	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C states that Everett used to read books <u>that were not needed to pass the exam</u> — he was generally passionate and curious about the subject. This is a positive example of doing more than what was required.
30	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in Section G that Everett was <u>wrongly diagnosed</u> as having influenza, which was incorrect information.
31	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated in Section D that a <u>small portion</u> (i.e. minority) of art lovers <u>praised</u> (i.e. showed appreciation) Everett's exhibition.
32	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B mentions that Everett's fellow students <u>stopped bullying</u>, and instead were awed (i.e. admired and respected) by him. This is a <u>positive change in human interaction</u>.
33	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated in Section B that Everett was a <u>thinly-built boy</u>, which refers to his physical appearance.
34	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states, "...the PRB movement was formally launched...". This is the beginning of an official organisation.
35	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E mentions that John Ruskin, the foremost art critic of that time, formally met Everett with the <u>intention of persuading him to cease</u> (i.e. stop/change) the PRB.

		This was an activity that was supposed to bring change – but it did not.
36	NG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everett was born in Southampton and studied in London – why the family moved is not given.
37	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section B states that Everett’s teachers at the academy called him <i>The Child</i> due to his extraordinary talents. Also, it is mentioned that his <u>fellow students</u> (i.e. peers) stopped and “<u>bullying gave way to awe</u>(great admiration).
38	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C states that as an academy student, Everett read the biographies of the great artists (due to), ‘genuine curiosity’ (interest) (i.e. he did not need to do this).
39	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that Everett’s first exhibition was about the <u>social class system</u> (economic and social position) “... on...hierarchical or class distinctions between individuals and groups...”
40	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that the intention of Everett’s PRB movement in England was to <u>reform</u> (i.e. to improve, to make better) <u>art</u>.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-7.

Metro Rail Service Notice

Interruption of service

All passengers for the Frankston, Norborne and Portland lines please note that due to the Rail-Line Reconstruction Project that will be undertaken by the State Transportation Department, train services from Caulfield to Springvale, Huntingdale to Westland and Clayton to Carlton will be out of service on the following dates:

Station from	Station to	No service from
Caulfield	Springvale	1 October
Huntingdale	Westland	9 October
Clayton	Carlton	15 October

One of the major parts of the reconstruction project is the replacement of all of the timber sleepers with more durable cement support structures. This work will necessitate the storage of equipment in the adjacent car park areas of the Caulfield, Moreland and Carlton stations. Space will be limited in these car parks over the reconstruction period.

Alternative transport arrangements

The table below provides details about the *Replacement Bus Service* that has been arranged to compensate for our reduced train service. As parking is at a premium, commuters who usually drive their car to the station are advised to find alternative transport.

Lines	Bus routes	Times	Fares
Frankston	From Caulfield to Oakleigh to Springvale	As per the current train timetable.	Zone 2 pricing applicable.
Norborne	Direct service from Huntingdale to Westland		
Portland	Clayton to Carlton via Richmond		

Ticket to ride

Passengers who have already bought pre-paid weekly or monthly train tickets will not need to buy one for bus services; simply have the driver validate existing tickets upon entering. During the reconstruction period, ticket booths will not be open. At this time, bus and train tickets will not be able to be purchased from the Caulfield, Huntington and Clayton stations. Passengers requiring daily tickets can purchase them from bus drivers directly or via our secure server. Pricing for bus transport has been adjusted to match Zone 2 rail rates.

Bus departure areas

A temporary bus stop area will be set up for each station. Temporary bus stops will be clearly visible outside each station and marked with a *Replacement Bus Service* sign.

Metro Rail Service apologises for any inconvenience the reconstruction project may cause. For further information, please call the Metro Hot Line Mon-Fri from 9am to 5pm on 12 25 23. If you have any suggestions or complaints regarding the *Replacement Bus Service*, please write to PO BOX 1225, Caulfield.



Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

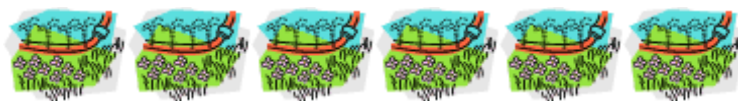
FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 1 Train services will stop due to construction work.
- 2 Passengers will be able to travel from Huntington to Clayton on 11 October.
- 3 Car parks can not be used during the reconstruction period.
- 4 It is preferred if travellers ride a bicycle or catch a taxi to the station.
- 5 The Replacement Bus Service route for Norborne does not stop.
- 6 Rail and special bus service prices are the same.
- 7 Travellers should telephone Metro Rail Service if they are not happy with the Replacement Bus Service.

Read the text and answer Questions 8-14.

Brown & Bella Garden Maintenance Company



Welcome to the Brown & Bella Garden Maintenance Company. We are a registered private company that provides professional garden maintenance and design services throughout the suburbs of Caulfield, Clayton, Springvale, Moreland and North Frankston. Our range of products and services cater for both the

domestic and corporate environments. We tailor our services to meet our clients' individual needs. At Brown & Bella we specialise in:

A. Landscaping

We measure the total land area for your garden and transport materials as needed. All paving and brickwork is also done on-site with materials of the highest quality; prices are affected by the cost of raw materials. Our staff carry an extensive, full-colour catalogue which highlights the various ways we have blended the elements of nature and construction to create truly beautiful environments.

B. Landscape Design

Our landscape design service fees are based on garden size and design complexity. We have a collection of 50 sample garden designs from which clients may choose. Alternatively, you can discuss with our landscape architect your unique design requirements. Engaging us to do both design and carry out the work results in a saving of around 25%*.

C. Maintenance

Short and long term domestic and commercial garden maintenance is another area of expertise. Currently we maintain five parks for several local city councils. Prices are based on the level of maintenance required and the service period.

Maintenance also includes extensive pruning during the winter season. Contracts detail the specific maintenance to be carried out.

D. Planting

We supply both indoor and outdoor plants. Indoor plants are supplied in tubs and in various sized containers. A variety of fertiliser mixes can also be ordered. Prices vary and are affected by the availability of a particular species. Each variety of plant purchased comes with a 'how to' booklet covering such topics as watering, planting locations and other relevant information.

E. Fencing

We are garden fencing specialists. We offer a variety of fencing options – cane, timber, steel and, increasingly, plastic. We can install both permanent and temporary fences as well as sheds. Costing depends on the area to be fenced and the fencing material required.

Note:

Sometimes the weather impacts upon the timeframes given to complete our projects. All formal quotes state that during the wet

season a delay of one week is commonplace.

*Saving based on typical costs to engage separate contractors.

Questions 8-10

*Look at the list of services **A-E** offered by the garden maintenance company.*

*Match each of the statements 8-10 with a statement associated with the service **A-E**.*

Write your answers in boxes 8-10 on your answer sheet.

List of services

- A** Landscaping
- B** Landscape Design
- C** Maintenance
- D** Planting
- E** Fencing

- 8** The level of challenge affects the price
- 9** The type of basic material used affects the price.
- 10** The length of time affects the price.

Questions 11-14

Complete the sentences with words taken from the passage.

Use no more than **TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 11-14 on your answer sheet.

- 11 The company does work according to their customer's
- 12 Customers should speak with a if they have special landscape needs.
- 13 During the cooler part of the year is done.
- 14 point out that the weather affects project finish dates.

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the passage below and answer Questions 15-21.

POSITIONS VACANT

A *Position:* Night Manager
Company: Bundina Surf and Life Saving Club

An opportunity to mix work, lifestyle and the beach with a rewarding career. The role involves managing the bar and a team of seven serving numerous local and overseas clientele in stylish surroundings. The appointee will be energetic, have the ability to delegate and be able to work under pressure. Wages are negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. Contact Sky Employment Solutions for further details.

B *Position:* Accountant
Company: Meadows Dairy

An opportunity with a manufacturer responsible for the production and distribution of dairy products for domestic and international markets. Annual overseas customer visits required. The applicant must have a background in finance and will be responsible for internal and external financial reporting. This position is being re-advertised – previous applicants need not apply.

C *Position:* Motor Mechanic
Company: Gerald's Smash Repairs

A job-sharing position available for a fully qualified motor mechanic. Duties include the servicing and repair of new and used vehicles. Must be able to follow instruction, work unsupervised and have a current driver's license. Above average mechanic's salary paid.

D *Position: Trainee Legal Secretary*
Company: Johnson Lawyers and Associates

An entry level position requiring good organisational and communication abilities. Suitable applicants will be able to use a computer keyboard and be familiar with word processing and basic accounting programs – a test will be administered. Multiple national offices with some travel involved. To find out more about the firm and obtain a position description all applicants must contact the practice manager. Base salary plus medical benefits.

E *Position: Child Carer*
Company: City Family Child Care

City Family Child Care provides care for children through registered carers working in their own residences. Successful applicants must be prepared to attain a Certificate III in child services within the next four years. International clientele - must be able to speak English and Japanese. A government grant is available to get suitable applicants started in the child care industry. Award wages apply for successful candidates. Contact GovAssist in the first instance.

Questions 15-21

Look at the five positions vacant advertisements A-E.

For which description are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter A-E in boxes 15-21 on your answer sheet.

NB: *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 15** The person does business in other countries.
- 16** The person assigns tasks to his co-workers.
- 17** The person's office skills will be checked.
- 18** The person works part-time.
- 19**
The person's wage is open for discussion.

- 20 The person must be able to work without being watched.
- 21 A person interested in more details about the job must contact the company directly.

Read the text below and answer Questions 22-27.

GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START: YOUR FIRST DAY ON THE JOB

Whether it is your first job or you are an experienced worker, the first day at work is as important as the interview process itself. The impression you make may affect the way you are perceived by your employer and other staff members for a long time to come - first impressions can be lasting.

Preparations should start the night before - if you carry a briefcase or bag, pack it and prepare your clothes. Even though you may be nervous, do your best to get adequate sleep, and make sure you eat breakfast the next morning. It could be a long and rather stressful day as you meet your co-workers and attempt to get more details of your new position.



Do not give your supervisors the impression you are not taking the opportunity seriously by arriving late. Check out the route in advance. You may even want to drive, or take the bus there beforehand to make sure you have not underestimated how long it takes - remember weekday traffic is more congested.

Find out if there is a dress code and dress accordingly. Depending on the type of job you have, you may be issued with a uniform or be required to wear safety equipment. In an office situation, both men and women should make sure their dress is appropriate to the position.

You will meet other employees, and possibly managers or executives. Make a point of remembering their names and even jot them down, along with other important details. You can review these details when you get home. Remembering the names of your co-workers the next day will create a positive impression of you in their minds.

Try and be outgoing - your inclusion in the work place changes the dynamics of the organisation. Keep your eyes and ears open and be careful about the views you express until you understand the dynamics

of your new environment.

When you meet with your boss, ask about your responsibilities, any deadlines, the chain of command and where you can get information and help. Once again, take notes to avoid having to ask about the same thing twice.

Bring things like your driver's license and social security card with you. You'll be filling out a variety of paperwork, so be prepared. If they have not checked your references, it may be a good idea to bring a complete set of reference information including the name, title, phone number as well as physical and e-mail addresses of your contacts.

Questions 22-27

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 22-27 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

22 The first day involves preparing your clothing.

23 You should arrive early on your first day of work.

24 A practice trip to your new workplace is recommended.

25 Safety equipment is typically given to new employees on the first day.

26 New staff should write down the names of their co-workers.

27 The first day of work involves completing forms.

SECTION 3

Questions 28 - 40

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

Caves: Natural Wonders

A

When most people think of caves, things like darkness, isolation and bats usually come to mind. But according to cave explorer or 'caver' Duncan Roberts, "There is much more to these unique and often vulnerable parts of our natural and archaeological heritage". *Speleologists*, those who study caves, define them as naturally occurring underground hollows or passages, where sunlight may or may not reach, with at least one opening to the surface of the earth.

B

The flow of lava in a volcanic eruption is one of the most common ways that caves are formed. Lava caves are formed out of pure volcanic activities. When a volcano erupts, molten lava flows downwards until it cools and becomes solid. If the outer surface of the lava-flow cools down before the inner surface, the lava still flowing beneath the surface leaves behind a solid outer shell or cave. Another way caves are formed is through limestone being dissolved by flowing water. The major ingredients, limestone and silica, along with clay, silt and sand, are filtered out to form a solid base for the bottom part of the cave. During this process, different marine plants then form the outer shell over the base of the cave. In time, these marine plants become solid, and as water flows, the solid structure created by the plants remains and forms the permanent outer shell of a cave. A third way caves are often formed is through the alignment of rocks. Large chunks of rock in different mountains are not always set in perfect alignment with other surrounding rocks. As a result, it is common to find some empty spaces between multiple rocks. Rock caves, as they are called, are among the most common caves in the world with almost all mountains or hills having some type of rock cave.

C

In addition to scientific research, caves are also a means of enjoyment for many adventurous people. Caving, which is also known as *spelunking* in some countries,

is the recreational sport of exploring caves. Depending upon the cave surface, caving is a challenging sport where participants move through a cave by crawling or climbing. The elevation in some caves is so high that ropes are required to ensure the safety of cavers. Some caves open over seas or rivers making them excellent locations for another popular activity - cave diving. Another form of caving is known as *virgin caving* where participants locate unexplored caves. Although exploring virgin caves can sometimes be risky, many cavers consider it to be the ultimate adventure.

D

As a part of the ongoing research on global warming, environmental scientists are increasingly exploring glacier caves. These caves are found in the cold places of the earth where there are year-round snowfalls. Glacier caves are usually formed in large, slow-moving rivers of ice made up of compacted layers of snow. Water-flow that runs through or under the layers of snow usually begins the formation of a glacier cave. Heat transfer from the water causes significant melting to create an air-filled cavity. Different marine creatures and plants settle on the surface of the cavity. Over time, the surface attracts sand and solid minerals. As a result, the surface becomes hard enough to resist the force of the flowing water outside it. In a similar way, another air-filled cavity is formed close by and gradually becomes solid. Later, the two cavities merge to form a cave. It is unusual to find glacier caves that are formed by more than two cavities.

E

While there are many thousands of caves throughout the world, a relative few are well known. Containing over 550 kilometres of narrow passageway, perhaps the most famous cave is Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, USA. Big enough to accommodate 10 football fields, Carlsbad Cavern in Texas, USA, is another of the world's largest and most famous caves. Europe also has a number of famous caves. The Lascaux Cave in France is famous because it contains ancient paintings. Copies of these paintings - mostly horses, bulls and deer - are now stored in the Cincinnati Natural History Museum. In Australia the Naracoorte Cave is famous for its huge sink holes, which make the ceiling of the cave with its different shapes and colours look like a man-made interior design. Waitomo Cave in New Zealand is famous due to the condensed gas inside it which glows in the dark making the roof look like a night sky full of stars.

F

There are quite a number of research organisations around the world who actively promote the discovery of new caves and the exploration of cave formation. Established in 1950, the Cave Research Foundation, a non-profit group based in the USA, is dedicated to the exploration, research, and conservation of caves and was the first of its kind. In Europe most cave research organisations are affiliated with universities such as the Universities of London, Paris and Dublin. The universities fund and monitor all research activities and maintain extensive

libraries with printed and audio-visual materials of the caves. Sometimes groups generate funds by conducting tours of unique caves.

Questions 28-32

The article has six paragraphs **A-F**.

For which paragraph is each of the headings (Questions 28-32) most suitable?

Write your answer **A-F** in boxes **28-32** on your answer sheet.

28 Prominent caves

29 Enjoying caves

30 Defining caves

31 Common caves

32 Publicising caves

Questions 33-36

Look at the list of caves **A-G** in the table below.

Match the correct cave with a description (**33-36**) below.

Write your answer **A-G** in boxes **33-36** on your answer sheet.

List of caves

A Mammoth Cave

B Lava Cave

C Lascaux Cave

D Rock Cave

E Waitomo Cave

F Glacier Cave

G Naracoorte Cave

33 Commonly found in naturally raised areas of land.

34 Parts of the interior have been reproduced.

35 Intense heat is required.

36 The ceiling radiates light.

Questions 37-40

Complete the flow-chart below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

*Write your answers in boxes **37-40** on your answer sheet.*

Glacier cave formation

Water flowing beneath snow layers creates **37**



Sea animal life as well as **38** remain permanently
on the cavity surface.



Sand and solid minerals make **39** hard enough to resist the flowing water.



The process is repeated until **40** combine to produce a glacier cave.

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Lab 9, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the train services have stopped due to <u>thereconstruction (i.e. a kind of construction) work.</u>
2	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage does not mention anything about travelling from <u>Huntingdale to Clayton</u>. The answer is <u>not given</u>.
3	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>space will be limited in the car parks</u> over the reconstruction period. Limited space means fewer cars can be parked.
4	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states: <u>As parking is at a premium (limited), commuters who drive their car to the station are advised to find alternative transport.</u> Riding a bike or catching a taxi are examples of alternative forms of transport.
5	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that there is a <u>direct bus service (i.e. the bus does not stop anywhere in between)</u> from Huntingdale to Westland for the Norborne route.
6	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that the <u>pricing for bus transport has been adjusted to match Zone 2 rail rates.</u>
7	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that if passengers have any complaint

		regarding the Replacement Bus Service, they should <u>write</u> to PO BOX 1225, Caulfield.
8	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that the landscape design service fees are based on garden size and design <u>complexity</u> (i.e. difficulty or challenge).
9	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is specified that costing/prices are affected by the cost of <u>raw (basic) materials</u>.
10	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that prices are based on the level of maintenance required and the <u>service period (i.e. the length of time)</u>.
11	individual needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the company tailors services to meet clients' (i.e. customers') <u>individual needs</u>.
12	landscape architect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that customers should speak with a <u>landscape architect</u> if they have any unique design requirements/needs.
13	extensive pruning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that maintenance also includes <u>extensive pruning</u> during the <u>winter season (i.e. cooler part of the year)</u>. Note: extensive pruning is different to 'pruning' – you need BOTH words!
14	formal quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that all <u>formal quotes</u> state (i.e. point out) that during the wet season a delay of one week is commonplace.

Lab 9, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest. Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description B states the position involves "...production and distribution of dairy products for domestic and international markets. <u>Annual overseas customer visits required.</u>" This means that the person doing this job will need to travel to and thus do business <u>in</u> other countries.
16	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description A states, "The role involves managing...a team of seven... The appointee will...<u>have the ability to delegate...</u>". This means that the person must manage co-workers and give (assign) them tasks.
17	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description D states, "Suitable applicants will be able to use a computer keyboard and be familiar with word processing and basic accounting programs – <u>a test will be administered.</u>" Computer keyboarding, word processing and basic accounting are all office skills which will be tested/checked.
18	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description C states: "A job-sharing position...". This means that the job is shared between two or more people so no one works full time. In other words, it is a part-time position.
19	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description A states that "Wages are negotiable depending on experience and qualifications." This means they are flexible and open for discussion based upon previous experience and qualifications.
20	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description C states, "Must be able to follow instruction, <u>work unsupervised</u> and have a current driver's license." This means that a person doing this job must be able to work by

		themselves.
21	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description D states that, “To find out more about the firm and obtain a position description all applicants must <u>contact the practice manager</u>.” The company is a legal firm (often called a Legal Practice) and employs a practice manager.
22	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states, “Preparations should start <u>the night before</u>. If you carry a briefcase or bag, pack it and prepare your clothes. This means that clothing preparation should happen the night before the first day, not on the first day.
23	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In paragraph three, the text states, “Do not give your supervisors the impression you are not taking the opportunity seriously by arriving late.” This means that new workers must be careful not to arrive late. Whether or not they should arrive early is <u>not given</u>.
24	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third paragraph states, “<u>Check out the route in advance</u>. You may even want to drive, or take the bus there beforehand to make sure you have not underestimated how long it takes” This means that a practice trip to the workplace is recommended.
25	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states in paragraph four, “Depending on the type of job you have, you <u>may</u> be issued with a uniform or be required to wear safety equipment.” Whether or not all employees receive safety equipment is <u>not given</u>.
26	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph five states, “Make a point of remembering their (co-workers) names and <u>even jot them down</u>... Remembering the names of your co-workers the next day will create a positive

		<p>impression of you in their minds.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This means that new staff should ‘make a point’ (i.e. they should do it) of writing down the names of their co-workers.
27	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final paragraph states, “<u>You'll be filling out a variety of paperwork...</u>” • This means you will be completing forms.

Lab 9, Reading Passage 3: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph E mentions about the <u>famous (i.e. prominent) caves of the world.</u>
29	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph C mentions <u>how caves contribute to enjoyment.</u>
30	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph A <u>defines various types of caves.</u>
31	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph B specifies <u>three of the most common ways that caves form.</u>
32	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph F mentions the efforts of organisations <u>to promote (i.e. publicise) caves.</u>
33	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is mentioned that Rock Caves are formed by large chunks of rock in different <u>mountains (i.e. naturally</u>

		<u>raised areas of land).</u>
34	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <u>copies</u> (i.e. reproductions) of the paintings<u>found inside the Lascaux Cave are stored in museum.</u>
35	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is specified that in a Lava Cave <u>the flow of lava (which is intensely hot) creates the cave.</u>
36	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the <u>Waitomo Cave's roof (i.e. ceiling) looks like a sky full of stars.</u>
37	an air-filled cavity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that heat transfer from the water causes significant melting to <u>create an air-filled cavity.</u> <i>Remember:</i> In the IELTS test, hyphenated words count as ONEword!
38	plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that different marine creatures and <u>plants</u> settle on the surface of the cavity.
39	the surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that over time, the surface attracts sand and solid minerals. As a result, <u>the surface</u> becomes hard enough to resist the force of the flowing water outside it.
40	the two cavities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that, another air-filled cavity is formed close by and gradually becomes solid. Later, <u>the two cavities</u> merge (i.e. combine) to form a cave.

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SECTION 1

Questions 1 - 14

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-7.



Hi-Hello Calling Card Company ***- Card descriptions -***

Hi-Hello Calling Card Company offers you a range of international calling cards. Our cards enable you to call overseas 24 hours a day at a cost effective rate. We offer a choice of four cards: US-Can, Go-Asia, Afri-Call and Eureka. The call rates are based on the country called.

US-Can

An ideal card for personal calls to the United States and Canada. Offers peak and off-peak rates. Different rates for calling landlines and mobile phones. Available in \$10, \$20 and \$50. Expiry period is 6 months once activated. Buy a \$20 card and receive 5% worth of value credit or buy a \$50 card and receive an extra 10% worth of value credit for free!

Go-Asia

Ideal for executives making calls to Asia. Flat rates apply – whether mobile or land line. Available in \$50 and \$100 price options (cards expire after five months). To ease congestion, within the next 3 months 3 more phone lines will be added. \$50 cards come with a bonus 100 minutes. All cards may be recharged by calling our hotline 1800 021 003 (payment by credit card only).

Afri-Call

For both business and personal use, Afri-Call is a great option. No other card in the market offers such low-priced rates for calls to Africa. Service will include Ethiopia in 2 months. Calls charged in 1 minute increments. Cards expire five months after activation. Customers can check calling record with online feature and can print it out for FREE. Card varieties - \$10, \$30 and \$100.

Eureka

World-class business-focused calling service to Europe. New features added every 6 months. Fax facilities to any European countries using Eureka cards are currently offered. Faxes (per page) are charged at the same rate as calls (per minute). Additional time may be purchased online (see our website for details). The clear leader in global rates. Upcoming feature – bonus minutes at no extra cost on cards over \$75. Also available are \$30, \$50, \$75 and \$100 cards. Cards expire within three months of activation.

Hi-Hello Calling Card Company - <i>Card Options</i>	Rates per minute					
	USA & Canada	Asia	Africa	Europe	Australia & NZ	
US-Can	50 cents	\$1.00	90 cents	70 cents	70 cents	Value Credit
Go-Asia	\$1.00	30 cents	75 cents	80 cents	90 cents	Bonus 100 mins for \$50 cards
Afri-Call	\$1.10	\$1.00	40 cents	90 cents	75 cents	Calling record check facility
Eureka	90 cents	45 cents	70 cents	30 cents	60 cents	Off peak rate 30%

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*Off peak hours: Monday – Friday 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Peak hours: All other times*

Questions 1-7

Classify the following features as being

***A** part of the US-Can card*

***B** part of the Go-Asia card*

***C** part of the Afri-Call card*

***D** part of the Eureka card*

***E** not part of ANY card*

*Write the correct letter **A, B, C, D**
or E in boxes 1-7 on your answer
sheet.*

1 Allows customers to review
who they called.

2 Has no expiry period.

3 Has the shortest expiry period and the lowest rates to New Zealand.

4 The minimum call cost is 60 seconds.

5 Charges a 5% connection fee.

6 The highest priced card that offers an additional benefit.

7 Overall, it offers the cheapest rates.

Read the text and answer Questions 8-14.

West Coast Beach



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

This leaflet has been placed by the West Coast City Council to ensure the safety of all beach visitors. Our purpose is to inform all visitors of some basic safety rules. We strongly urge all beachgoers to heed the information that follows.

Swimming

There are three different kinds of flags that are positioned in different areas according to conditions. The area between two red flags indicates high instability - deep water and unpredictable waves – no swimming allowed. Green flags are placed 100 metres apart and indicate that swimming for competent swimmers is safe but conditions are unstable for weaker swimmers. Ideal conditions for swimming exist for both adults and children between yellow flags. Non-swimmers should not attempt to swim in the ocean. Even if you consider yourself to be a competent swimmer, always swim between the yellow flags. The probability of drowning at an unsupervised beach is 10 times greater than at a beach with a lifeguard on duty. Irrespective of how competent a swimmer you are, the council's decree is *never swim alone!*

Waves sometimes carry strong currents or 'rips' that are created by water volume and gravity. Rips can make swimming very difficult and you can be pulled out to sea. If you are swimming between the flags, use the distress signal – wave one arm above your head – to gain the attention of a lifeguard. If you are caught in a rip and are swimming outside a flagged area, do not try to swim against it, instead float (the most comfortable way is typically on your back) and relax - *do not struggle to swim back to the shore*. When you are feeling a little more relaxed, swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the strong current or 'rip' zone and then swim to the shore.

On the Beach

Drinking alcohol on the beach is prohibited. Never swim if you have been drinking alcohol or have eaten a large meal. We have encountered a significant portion of drowning incidents that were caused by alcohol.

The north end of the beach has a rocky cliff. Avoid walking on the rocks as they are often very slippery. In order to avoid cuts, scrapes and even broken bones, adults should keep children under close observation at all times.

From about 10am to 2pm, the sun is at its most dangerous. During these times, make sure you are wearing sunscreen, a shirt and a hat while at the beach. Exposure of the skin to the sun at these times can carry with it the threat of skin cancer. Children's skin is especially vulnerable; ensure that they are protected.

** If you have any further enquiries, please visit the Lifeguard Office *
Enjoy your day at the beach!*

Questions 8-14

*Answer the questions below using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet.

- 8 What is it that determines which flags are used?
- 9 What is used to indicate unsafe beach conditions?
- 10 Who should **NOT** swim between the green flags?
- 11 What is the rule all swimmers must follow?
- 12 What should swimmers do if caught in a rip outside a flagged area?
- 13 What is most at risk in the midday sun?
- 14 Which location should swimmers go to if they have questions?

SECTION 2

Questions 15-27

Read the passage below and answer Questions 15-20.

- A** We at Industrial Business Solutions (IBS) value you as a member of our team. We understand that our future success can only be achieved if you are also able to achieve your goals and objectives within your area of employment.
- B** At IBS, our business is growing. As one of the world's largest and leading organisations in the area of telecommunications we take pride in both the reliability of our products and the level of customer support we offer. Both of these key areas cannot be successfully negotiated without a quality team.
- C** IBS is dedicated to the on-going training and development of the team to ensure a quality focus across all departments.
- D** At our *Leading in Times of Change* workshop, participants will engage in a number of personal development activities. Central to this session will be the personal mission statement. Participants will be able to explore relationships both personal and within the business context to define what matters most to them. This has proven to be one of our most popular workshops.
- E** Additional workshops across a variety of topics are covered. Previous participants have commented that the sessions were both informative and beneficial. One manager reported a 25% improvement in production. Such feedback has been very satisfying.
- F** We continue our tradition of staff development programs. As a member of our company you will be required to attend 3 sessions over the course of the year. We offer over 20 courses on a variety of topics all aimed at improving personal awareness within the workplace and beyond. It is our conviction that an engaged employee is a happy employee.
- G** Registration can be done through the staff website. You are required to select relevant workshops in consultation with your supervisor. This ensures that there is no confusion in relation to time off for the workshops. Click on the 'workshops' link and from the list of options available, click on the topics you have selected. You will need to supply your date of birth, IBS identification number and department name.

- H** While we are pleased for you to participate with members of your department, we also encourage inter-department involvement. Since no particular area stands alone, it is useful for participants to become familiar with those in other areas across IBS.
- I** Professional development does not need to be limited to in-house workshops. For those wanting to expand their knowledge and skills in areas related to their area of expertise, we are prepared to offer partial scholarships to select universities. Requests should be sent to the Personnel Manager in the first instance.

Question 15

Choose the correct letter A-E.

What would be the most suitable title for the passage?

- A** Becoming an IBS staff member
- B** Staff training at IBS
- C** Registering on the IBS staff website
- D** IBS staff procedures
- E** Common questions staff ask about IBS

Questions 16 - 20

The text has six sections, A-I.

Which section contains the following information?

Write your answers A-I in boxes 16-20 on your answer sheet.

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 16 Remarks from past attendees.
- 17 Involvement from a staff administrator is needed.
- 18 Support available for further training at other intuitions.
- 19 The commitment of IBS to its staff.
- 20 The requirement to provide personal information.

Read the text and answer Questions 21-27.

HOME BUSINESS: Points to Consider

Home businesses have seen exceptional growth over the past decade with approximately 150 million people in the United States running a home-based business.



There are two important points to making a profit which are valid no matter what product or service you are planning to promote. Having the idea is just the start. The focus must be on whether there is a market for your product. The main consideration should not just be whether you like what you are planning to sell, but whether other people will like it and want to spend money on it.

Do your research. A trip to the library and a couple of evenings online will assist you in beginning to understand your market. Your goal should be to get a general sense of the type of customer your product or service will attract.

Business registration is a requirement and involves several areas. A legitimate structure must be determined and the most popular options are sole proprietor, a partnership, or a company. City Business Assistance can help with information about sole proprietorships and partnerships. Individuals needing help with registering a corporation should Legal Structures Corp. Deciding upon your business name and getting your federal tax identification are also a part of the business registration process.

Obtaining reliable financial advice is another important consideration. Small Business Administration (SBA) is a United States government agency providing financial support for small businesses. Locate a reliable mid-range accounting firm that will help you structure the financial side of your business and provide you with the taxation advice you may need.

Insurance must be a part of your planning. Consultation with an insurance agent is highly recommended. Contact Able Insurance for insurance matters under \$1 million and Constar for all other amounts.

Equipment and inventory are important considerations as well. What equipment will be needed to provide the service or product you intend to offer? How much stock will you need and do you have the room for it? These questions must be carefully considered and answered.

Many home businesses are online. If this is your plan, you will need to purchase a domain name and locate an Internet Service Provider (ISP). Costing varies mostly according to data downloaded. Connection speed can also affect the internet cost.

For additional assistance on any of the above matters, please contact the county extension office nearest you or the National Directorate for state enquiries.

Questions 21-27

Answer the questions below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.*

Write your answers in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

2 What is the first listed key for a home business profit?
1

2 Which area of home business planning includes federal tax identification?
2

2 Who can be contacted for advice about the legal structure of an independently run
3 business?

2 Who can provide help with getting money for a home business?
4

2 Which company provides insurance assistance up to \$1 million?
5

2 What is the main cost associated with internet services?
6

2 Who can be contacted for extra local small business help?

SECTION 3**Questions 28 - 40**

Read the passage and answer questions 28-40.

Olefin Fibre: A New Dimension in Textiles

**A**

By definition, *textile* refers to a flexible material made up of either natural or artificial fibres. Usually a textile is produced by spinning raw fibres on a spinning wheel and converting them into long strands of thread or yarn. Textile fibres used to be broadly categorised as: *animal fibre* – those which are made up of animal hair and fur or; *plant fibre* - those which are derived from plants. The invention of olefin fibre however, added a new dimension to the traditional categories of textile fibres.

B

Olefin fibre is a complex fibre made from alkenes, which, in organic chemistry, are ‘unsaturated chemical compounds made up of carbon¹’. The properties of olefin partially reflect the properties of synthetics, which is why it is defined as a ‘chemically manipulated synthetic fibre’. Two properties of olefin that match the properties of synthetics are that it is man-made and its production involves the amalgamation of a set of different fibres.

C

The discovery of olefin was due to extensive research first undertaken in Italy. In 1957, the Textile Research Laboratory of Italy began experiments to find a liquid solution that would coat fibres in such a way that the textiles made from those fibres would become strong enough to be used in the production of clothing. The scientists at the laboratory noticed that chemical ingredients, consisting mostly of carbon, showed a tendency to create strong bonds with cotton and thus, could be treated as a ‘knitting ingredient’ rather than a ‘coating ingredient’. The initial testing of olefin yielded favourable results but surprisingly, only a few leading textile manufacturing firms in Italy profited from larger-scale manufacturing and

sales. Encouraged by the modest success in Italy, the USA was one of the earliest adopters of olefin and began commercial manufacturing on a sizable scale in 1960. Today, olefin fibre is produced in over 10 countries around the world and accounts for 16% of all textile fibres manufactured worldwide.

D

Textile researchers view the invention of olefin as important due to its strength, thickness and low specific gravity - all of which ensured that the fibres were strong without being overly heavy. Before the invention of olefin, textiles that were strong were also quite heavy, and a heavy textile meant it was less comfortable for the wearer and involved higher carriage costs from mills to marketplaces. During the 1990s, scientists in the USA improved upon both the manufacturing process and construction of olefin fibres so that they were able to absorb some moisture - an aspect which was missing from the initial forms of olefin. With improvements in colourfastness, greater strength and the ability to resist sunlight, there have been even greater advances in the production of olefin in recent times.

E

Despite significant advantages, two major disadvantages of olefin are that it does not dye well and it is expensive to produce. The first disadvantage is due to the production process; the fibres are bonded at such high temperatures that the addition of colour is impeded. Olefin fibres can only absorb select light colours like white, off-white and light yellow. However, it is possible to add darker colours by making the bonds weaker, the trade-off being that the threads lose some of their strength. From a functional point of view, strength is more important than colour. The second disadvantage of olefin is the hydro-spinning mill setup and thermal control equipment that are required in the manufacturing process - both are very expensive to install and maintain.

F

Worldwide, olefin is used in the apparel, home furnishing and automotive industries. In the apparel industry, comfortable but expensive active wear can be made of olefin, particularly in the area of professional swimming. Although olefin is very warm, winter clothes are not typically made from it due to its high manufacturing price. In the home furnishing industry, olefin is often used to produce carpets, carpet tiles and other floor coverings. In expensive automobiles, interior coverings and sun visors are often made of olefin.

G

Unlike numerous manufacturers of traditional textiles, there are very few olefin manufacturers around the world. Today, most olefin production firms are based in the USA, England and China. In the global marketplace, China has been able to export the most olefin. China's low labour cost has enabled the country to offer olefin textiles to the global market at a comparatively low price.

H

British scientists, in collaboration with some giant European textile manufacturing companies, are now conducting extensive research to reduce olefin production costs. The challenge is to decrease the production costs without losing any of the unique properties of the textile. If the research is successful, then olefin may become a regular component of everyday clothing.

¹A chemical substance which is an important part of other substances (such as coal) and occurs in all plants and animals.

Questions 28-32

The passage has eight paragraphs **A-H**.

Which paragraph mentions the following information?

*Write the correct letter **A-H** in boxes 28-32 on your answer sheet.*

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 28** the machines used to produce olefin
- 29** the benefit of olefin over other textiles
- 30** an expected outcome once the cost of making olefin is reduced
- 31** a change in the classification of textile fibres
- 32** various commercial uses of olefin

Questions 33-36

Answer the questions below.

*Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.*

- 33** What is the main chemical in olefin?
- 34** In which country was olefin first used commercially?

- 35** Who are particularly interested in the weight and strength of olefin?
- 36** In addition to fibre construction, what other improvement occurred in the 1990s?

Questions 37-40

Do the following information agree with the information given in the passage?

In boxes 37-40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 37** In the 1990s, olefin production costs were reduced.
- 38** High production temperatures cause reduced colour in olefin fibres.
- 39** Lighter coloured olefin is not as strong as darker coloured olefin.
- 40** China currently leads the world in olefin production.

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Lab 10, Reading Passage 1: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
1	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that customers can check <u>calling record</u>.
2	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cards expire within a period of time. For the Go-Asia card it is stated that <u>once all credit is used it expires</u>. There is no given expiry period but the card does expire once all credit is used.
3	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has the <u>shortest expiry period of 3 months</u> and <u>calls to New Zealand are the cheapest (60 cents)</u>.
4	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that calls are charged in <u>1 minute (i.e. 60 seconds) increments</u>.
5	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Nothing</u> is mentioned about a connection fee for any of the cards.
6	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that <u>\$50 US-Can card (which is the highest priced variety of US-Can card) offers an extra 10% worth of value credit for free</u>.
7	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states Eureka is 'the clear leader in global rates'. The table also shows that in all categories, the prices are the cheapest or second cheapest of all the others.
8	Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that there are three different kinds of flags that are positioned in different areas according

		to <u>conditions</u> .
9	(Two) Red Flags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd paragraph states: The area between two red flags indicates <i>high instability</i> - deep water and unpredictable waves – no swimming allowed.
10	Weaker Swimmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green flags are placed 100 metres apart and indicate that swimming for competent swimmers is safe <u>but conditions are too unstable for weaker swimmers</u>.
11	Never swim alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that the council's <u>decree (i.e. ruling)</u> is <u>never swim alone</u>.
12	Float and relax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that if caught in a rip outside flagged area, swimmers should <u>float and relax</u>.
13	Children's skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned that <u>children's skin</u> is especially vulnerable in the midday sun at the beach.
14	the Lifeguard Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated that if swimmers have any further enquiries, they should visit the <u>Lifeguard Office</u> located <u>beside Gate 12</u>.

Lab 10, Reading Passage 2: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
15	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The passage is about the <u>staff training</u> at IBS. It

		provides information regarding the various ways IBS undertakes staff training.
16	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section E specifies that <u>previous (i.e. past) participants have commented (i.e. remarked)</u> that the sessions were both informative and beneficial.
17	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section G mentioned that participants are required to select relevant workshops <u>in consultation (discussion) with their supervisors (i.e. administrators)</u>.
18	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section I states that <u>partial scholarships (i.e. support)</u> are available to select universities, <u>which refers to other institutions</u>.
19	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section C mentions about the <u>dedication (i.e. commitment) of IBS towards the development of staff</u>.
20	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section G states that individuals must submit a <u>date of birth</u> and IBS identification number – this is personal information.
21	having the idea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph states that when it comes “...to making profit...<u>having the idea</u> is just the start”. This means that coming up with an idea is the first listed key for making a profit.
22	Business registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth paragraph states that “<u>Business registration</u> is a requirement and involves several areas.” Further on in the paragraph it states that “... federal tax identification are also included in this area”

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This means that federal tax identification is a part of the <u>business registration</u> process.
23	City Business Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth paragraph states that “<u>City Business Assistance</u> can help with information about sole proprietorships and partnerships.” This means that City Business Assistance helps with advice about the legal structure of a sole proprietorship (i.e. independently run).
24	Small Business Administration <u>OR</u> SBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fifth paragraph states that “<u>Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> is a United States government agency providing financial support for small businesses.” This means that if people need money for their home business, they can contact Small Business Administration.
25	Able Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sixth paragraph states that individuals should “Contact Able Insurance for insurance matters under \$1 million.” This means that amounts up to \$1 million can be handled by Able Insurance
26	data downloaded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eighth paragraph states that “Costing varies mostly according to data downloaded.” In other words, the main cost associated with internet service costs is the amount of data that is downloaded.
27	county extension office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final paragraph states, “For additional assistance on any of the above matters, please contact the <u>county extension office</u>...”

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This means extra local information can be given by the <u>county extension office</u>.
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Reading Passage 3, Lab 10: Answers and Suggestions

Quest.Number	Answer	Scott's Tips for Answering the Questions
28	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In paragraph E <u>hydro-spinning mill setup and thermal control equipment</u> are the machines used to produce olefin.
29	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph D mentions that before the invention of olefin, <u>textiles that were strong were also quite heavy, and a heavy textile meant it was less comfortable for the wearer and involved higher carriage costs from mills to marketplaces</u>. These are all benefits of olefin over other textiles.
30	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph H that if the research to reduce olefin production cost is successful, then olefin may become <u>a regular component of everyday clothing – this is an expected outcome</u>.
31	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph A that the invention of olefin fibre has added a <u>new dimension to the traditional categories (i.e. classifications) of textile fibres</u>.
32	F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different commercial usages of olefin in <u>apparel, home furnishing and automotive industries</u> are

		<u>mentioned in paragraph F.</u>
33	Carbon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph B that olefin fibre is a complex fibre made from alkenes, which, in organic chemistry, are ‘unsaturated <u>chemical compounds made up of carbon</u>’. Also, it is mentioned in paragraph C that the Italian scientists’ research was based on <u>chemical ingredients consisting mostly of carbon</u>.
34	Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated in paragraph C that after the invention of olefin few leading textile manufacturing firms in <u>Italy</u> profited from <u>larger-scale manufacturing and sales (i.e. used commercially)</u>. USA followed Italy in the commercialisation of olefin.
35	Textile researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph D that <u>textile researchers</u> view the invention of olefin as important due to its strength, thickness and low specific gravity - all of which ensured that the fibres were strong <u>without being overly heavy</u>.
36	the manufacturing process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph D that during the 1990s, scientists in the USA improved upon both <u>the manufacturing process</u> and construction of olefin fibres.
37	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph D that during the 1990s, the manufacturing process and construction of olefin fibres were improved. Whether or not the <u>production costs</u> of olefin were reduced <u>is not given</u>.
38	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph E that the fibres are bonded <u>at high temperatures where the addition of colour is impeded (i.e. obstructed)</u> resulting in

		reduced colours in olefin.
39	False	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is stated in paragraph E that adding darker colours makes the bonds of olefin weaker, <u>which means that lighter coloured olefin is stronger than darker coloured olefin.</u>
40	Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is mentioned in paragraph G that in the global marketplace, China has been able to <u>export</u> the most olefin. Whether or not China leads the world in olefin <u>production</u> is not given.

